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BULGARIA DECLINES
THE AXIS 'INVITATION'JOHNSON
ACT
ATTITUDE

An impression that no action would be taken in this session of Congress towards modification of the Johnson Act, which demands financial assistance to Great Britain, was given in Washington yesterday by Senator George, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in a talk to reporters.

Senator George said the Committee would to-day consider Senator King's resolution to modify the Johnson Act and Senator Nye's proposal for an investigation into British holdings of securities in the United States.

Senator George indicated, however, that both subjects might be left to sub-committees. Immediate legislation for giving financial assistance to Britain was described by Senator George as "impractical and somewhat premature." — Reuter.

DAYLIGHT
RAIDERS
DRIVEN OFF

Once again Britain's coastal defences proved too good for daylight raiders for most of the few enemy aircraft crossing the south and south-east coasts yesterday were promptly shot down.

Two bombers and two fighter-bombers have been destroyed, says an Air Ministry communiqué, the R.A.F. suffering no losses in combat.

The communiqué adds that a bomb dropped in a coast town in Sussex did some damage to buildings and caused a few slight casualties. — Reuter.

ITALIANS ARRESTED
IN THE CONGO

The Governor-General of Belgian Congo announced in Elisabethville yesterday that Belgium now considers herself at war with Italy.

All Italians regarded as suspects have been arrested in Leopoldville and Elisabethville. — Reuter.

JAPANESE
VIOLATION
OF BORDER

It is officially confirmed that Japanese aircraft flew over British territory near the border yesterday afternoon, being observed in the region of Kwanti Racecourse.

Having
It Both
Ways

The German press is making much of General Metaxas' statement on Friday when he said: "We are fighting not only for our country but also for the other Balkan States and for the liberation of Albania."

Calling this speech dangerous, the semi-official organ of the German Foreign Office, "Diplomatico-Politische Korrespondenz," wrote: "General Metaxas thereby openly confesses himself to be the tool of British policy for extending the war."

But in authoritative circles in Berlin it is still maintained that German relations with Greece are unchanged. — Reuter.

NO
CHRISTMAS
ARMISTICE

The British Government would reject any proposal for a Christmas Armistice.

This was made clear in the House of Commons yesterday when the Prime Minister gave a reply to a question whether he would invite the good offices of the Vatican or some neutral State in furthering the proposal for a 48-hour cessation of hostilities during Christmas.

Asked if in the event of such a proposal being received through some neutral State it would receive consideration Mr. Churchill said it would certainly be rejected by the Government. — Reuter.

Nazi Diplomacy
Sharply Rebuffed

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

MESSAGES FROM BERLIN AND ROME INDICATE THAT THE AXIS IS LOSING CONFIDENCE THAT BULGARIA WILL WELCOME THE "NEW ORDER" AND SUBSCRIBE UNHESITATINGLY TO NAZI LEADERSHIP BY SIGNING THE TRI-PARTITE PACT.

For the present the Axis partners will have to be satisfied with the accession of Hungary, Rumania and Slovakia.

So far as the practical, visible results are concerned the visits of M. Molotov (Soviet Foreign Commissar) and Senor Suner (Spanish Foreign Minister) to Berlin might never have been made. In fact German propaganda organs have ceased talking about them.

Nor is there any indication of an intensification of Russo-German trade relations, such as the large body of experts in the train of M. Molotov would seem to have portended.

Bulgaria would seem to have been influenced in her attitude by the fate of Rumania, on the one hand, and the example of Greece, on the other.

The Greek action in inflicting upon Italy the heaviest blow the Axis has yet sustained was a particularly timely factor.

Turkey's Stand

Added to these facts is the knowledge that Turkey, her powerful south-eastern neighbour, had assumed a standpoint that was calculated to discourage any spirit of adventure, even if such were in the Bulgarian Government's mind. But there has been nothing to justify any belief that there was and in these circumstances, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs was able to give Bulgaria the assistance of British goodwill.

Berlin Quiet

Bulgaria is to remain outside the Axis-Japan Pact despite the preparations that had been made for her reception, said the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss newspaper "Basler Nachrichten" yesterday.

No reason for the change in plan is given in official German circles nor is the cancellation of the Bulgarian Minister's visit to Berlin commented upon.

But the Wilhelmstrasse significantly states that the adherence of Slovakia "has closed the first round of admissions."

Moscow Not So Quiet

The Axis announcement that no visits of Bulgarian statesmen to Berlin are expected at present was given great prominence over the Soviet radio and in the press yesterday.

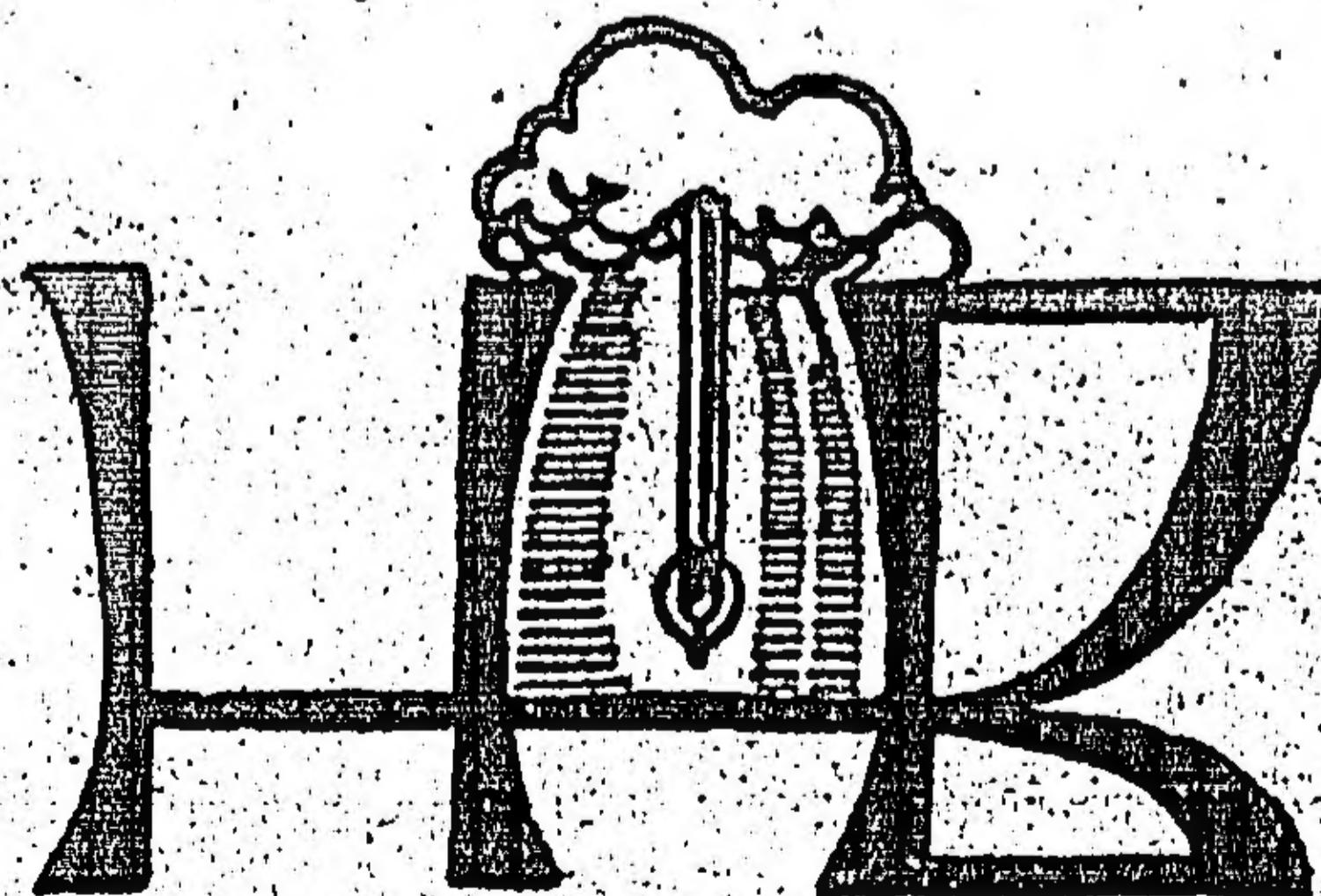
National
City
Decision

Only the Hankow branch of the National City Bank of New York will close next month, it was learned in Shanghai to-day.

Because of abnormal trade conditions it has been decided to consolidate the operations of the Hankow office of the Bank with the Shanghai office.

The Hankow office is closing on December 12. After that date all accounts still remaining will be transferred and all communications in this connection should be addressed to the Shanghai office. — Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Attempts To Send Reinforcements Broken Up

STRONG ITALIAN attempts to send reinforcements to Podgradetz, north of Koritza, have been broken up by the R.A.F., enabling the Greeks to capture the town and to push on towards the coast.

Other Greek forces in northern Albania have been thrusting to the west of Koritza, a reconnaissance party travelling over 30 miles westwards without finding any Italian troops.

At Moshkopolis, the colours of three Italian battalions were taken.

The Greek advance towards Argyrokastron has met with some opposition from Italian reinforcements.

Greek forces on the coast have advanced further and others have been landed, probably from ships, off Corfu. They are behind the Italian front lines in this sector and have cut the lines of communication.

The Italians are sending as many reinforcements as possible and have probably despatched about two divisions since the fighting began.

In one place, the Greeks captured a Commanding Officer and his staff, two company commanders and the whole of the equipment of the Italians, which rather suggests that the morale of this unit was not very high.

Confirmation has been received of Greek reports that the Italians have wantonly burned villages behind them and have shot some civilians and taken others off as hostages.

Although the Italian air bases have been rendered ineffective by the R.A.F., the Italians have lost none of their skill in the slaughtering of civilians.

Several Greek towns and villages have suffered from Fascist air attacks. Although a number of civilian casualties are reported, there is little material damage. — Reuter.

GERMAN CHANGE OF TUNE

The firm attitude adopted by Bulgaria and Turkey, coupled with reactions to the Italian retreat, has brought changes in German tactics in the Balkans.

Since Turkey met Nazi Ambassador von Papen's threats by increasing her defence measures, the Germans have calmed down, and the German radio said yesterday that the political tension there has been eased by the conversation between the Turkish Foreign Minister and von Papen. — Reuter.

HOME FOOD PRODUCTION

THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED THAT THERE MUST BE A FURTHER INCREASE IN THE HOME PRODUCTION OF FOOD, IN ORDER TO SAVE VALUABLE SHIPPING SPACE.

The Minister of Agriculture told the House of Commons yesterday that it has been decided that the present system of fixed prices and an assured market will be maintained for the duration of the war, and for least one year afterwards.

The Government, he said, recognises the importance of maintaining a healthy and well-balanced agricultural programme after the war. — Reuter.

NEW AIRCRAFT IN USE

New types of aircraft have been introduced by both sides. The Germans have sent over a four-engined bomber and we have begun using a new Fleet Air Arm fighter-bomber.

Sufficient trustworthy evidence about the German machine is not available to enable it to be identified with certainty. It may have been a Junkers or a Focke Wulf. The Focke Wulf Condor, in military form, seems to fit most of the descriptions. But Dornier have been working on a new four-engined bomber, and it may have been this.

Our own new type, which appeared in an Admiralty communiqué, is the Fairey Fulmar, which has a Rolls-Royce engine and looks rather like a neater, cleaner Fairey Battle. It is an all-metal monoplane with retractable undercarriage and variable pitch air-screw.

Airscrew "Cuffs"

Besides the new types that have appeared in operations, two other new types deserve special mention. They are both American—the Brewster Buffalo, and the Douglas Boston. The Buffalo is a stocky little monoplane fighter with air-cooled radial engine. One of the interesting features is that it uses air-screw "cuffs."

Airscrew cuffs are a recent development of the Curtiss Company in America. They fit over the shanks of the air-screw blades and are claimed to improve the take-off of the aircraft and also the cooling of radial engine.

The Boston is medium bomber, and seems one of the most promising aircraft in this class which we possess. It has a tricycle undercarriage, and its lines are exceptionally clean. Its size is sufficiently small to give it power of manoeuvring in combat.

This aeroplane may prove to be of the utmost importance to our air effort in the near future. It is fitted with Wright air-cooled radial engines.

During some of the air battles over the Thames Estuary many people have remarked the long smoke trails left by the aircraft. These have given rise to further stories about "smoke" writing as a means of signalling.

There is no reason why smoke writing should not be used by either side if it served a useful purpose; but in these cases the trails were condensation and not smoke. Aircraft flying fast through cold air under certain moisture conditions leave these vapour trails. They are really artificially formed clouds.

MOBILE CANTEENS PRESENTED

Trade Union leaders met the King and Queen yesterday when 27 mobile canteens were presented to the Y.M.C.A. at Buckingham Palace. — Reuter.

BRITISH POLICY IN BALKANS

Britain's attitude towards Bulgaria during the present Balkan tension was the subject of a statement in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who spoke on behalf of Lord Halifax.

The British Government, he said, welcomed the opportunity to state that if Bulgaria does not join or assist, either actively or passively, our enemies, or attack our allies, the British Government intends to do its best to ensure that in any eventual peace settlement, in which Britain participates, the integrity and independence of Bulgaria will be respected.

In this connection, it will be recalled that when Bulgaria got Southern Dobruja from Rumania by peaceful negotiation, the British Government expressed the view that the Bulgarian claim was well founded.

It is understood that Mr. Butler's reference to Bulgaria's "integrity and independence" refers to this. — Reuter.

BERLIN PROTESTING TOO MUCH?

The Germans, without any particular reason that can be observed outside Berlin, yesterday protested rather loudly that Der Fuehrer is not planning any "peace offensive."

The German news agency was brought in to deny reports said to be current in the United States of German plans for a compromise peace.

The German news agency says that these reports are entirely without foundation.

If German thoughts are turning towards the possibility of calling off the war, there is no such thought in Britain.

Mr. Churchill made this clear when he told the House of Commons yesterday that the British Government will not consent even to the possibility of a Christmas truce. — Reuter.

REPAIRING AIR RAID DAMAGE

MR. EDEN SAID YESTERDAY THAT TO HELP IN REPAIRING AIR RAID DAMAGE, THE ARMY IS RELEASING 3,000 BUILDING OPERATORS AT THE REQUEST OF THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND BUILDINGS.

Lord Woolton, the Minister of Food, said earlier that there is now an organisation ready in every town to feed the population in the event of heavy air raid damage.

There will be a slight shortage of milk, he said, largely due to climatic conditions, but it will not last long and it is not worthwhile bringing in any rationing scheme. — Reuter.



The first of the Ministry of Food communal feeding centres in the South London area which has recently been opened has proved popular among the homeless who have nowhere to cook. This picture was taken during a visit to the centre, where a good meal can be obtained for sixpence a head. Photo shows young callers leaving with hot meals — at sixpence a head. (Copyright, Fox.)

CURIOS FEATURES OF THE RAID ON COVENTRY

TWO CURIOUS FEATURES of the raid last week on Coventry were mentioned by Air Marshal Sir Phillip Joubert in a broadcast yesterday.

One was that the number of German bombers used was less than we should have expected, that is, if our figures for Germany's first-line strength in the air are correct.

The other is that, despite the ideal conditions for bombing, aiming was not very accurate.

In fact, it was the residential part which suffered, just as though the bombs were aimed at the centre of the city.

The net result of the raids on Coventry and other cities was that the German air force, even in perfect weather, failed to produce decisive results.

In bad weather, it has been completely useless.

Talking about Italian attempts to help the Germans in the raids of Britain, Sir Phillip said:

"It is as if some amateur pugilist attempted to intervene in a fight between two first-class professionals."

An American correspondent says that the German offensive in the Midlands has hurt but not crippled the thousand-and-one war processes making up the modern war machine.

Of the damage caused in raids on Coventry, Birmingham and Bristol, he said that it was "serious but not critical." — Reuter.

CHINESE SEAMEN'S WAGES

MR. VERNON BARTLETT ASKED THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY WHETHER A DANGER BONUS HAD NOW BEEN GRANTED TO CHINESE SEAMEN AND IF SO HOW THE AMOUNT COMPARES WITH THE BONUS GRANTED TO BRITISH SEAMEN.

Mr. Ronald Cross, the Minister, replying, said that while a bonus in name was usually paid to Chinese seamen, the percentage increase in Chinese seamen's wages since

DEATH OF MR. W. J. ALLEN

WE HAVE TO RECORD THE DEATH OF AN OLD AND RESPECTED RESIDENT OF HONG KONG, MR. WILLIAM JULIUS ALLEN, WHICH OCCURRED AT THE FRENCH HOSPITAL, CAUSEWAY BAY, SHORTLY AFTER 1 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING.

The late Mr. Allen was born at Trinidad in 1874, and arrived in Hong Kong with his parents shortly after, when they made their home in the Colony.

In April, 1892, Mr. Allen joined the Eastern Extension and Australasian Telegraph Company, retiring on pension in July, 1930.

Popularly known to a wide circle of friends as "Bill," Mr. Allen was a keen sportsman, and in his youth, participated in many games.

He was one of the oldest members of the Craigengower Cricket Club, and served on the Committee for many years.

Mr. Allen leaves a widow and a daughter to mourn his loss, besides several nephews and nieces, among whom are Mr. Charles A. Allen, Mr. N. B. White, Mr. George White, of the Floating Staff of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. Ltd., Mrs. E. Basto and Mrs. L. C. R. Souza.

The funeral will take place this afternoon, passing the Monument at 5 o'clock.

the outbreak of war was a good deal higher than the percentage increase in British seamen's wages. — Reuter.

HARASSING ITALIAN RETREAT

R.A.F. Add Confusion To Transport Columns

Defeat Now Becoming A Rout

R.A.F. AIRCRAFT CONTINUED TO ASSIST THE GREEK ADVANCE IN ALBANIA BY HARASSING THE RETREATING ITALIANS, STATED AN R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

Three large motor transport vehicles were set on fire and many others damaged and overturned by the roadside while many mules were killed.

Casualties among infantry are believed to have been heavy; whole columns were thrown into panic and confusion.

Other convoys were attacked, bombs falling on motor transport and pack mules.

At Argyrocastron stores were bombed and damaged.

Reconnaissances were carried out over Sicily, Taranto and Bar-

Assab Fires

In Italian East Africa, attacks were made on a large motor transport yard near Assab. A large fire was started; the smoke of which was visible by mules away. This was close to a fire started the previous day.

Photographs taken confirm the extent of the damage. Our aircraft returned safely from all operations.

Two enemy air raids on Malta on Sunday and Monday resulted in one Italian fighter being damaged by A.A. fire on Sunday. Enemy aircraft on Monday made off before they could be intercep-ted.—Reuter.

SHIPPING LOSSES PROBLEM

APPEALING TO FARMERS FOR INCREASED PRODUCTION OF VENAL FOODSTUFFS, MR R. S. HUDSON, MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, IN A BROADCAST LAST NIGHT SAID THE EFFORT BRITAIN MUST NOW MAKE TO COVER SHIPPING LOSSES WAS GREATER THAN HAD BEEN CONTEMPLATED IN MAY OR AUGUST, "BUT IT CAN BE DONE."

Mr. Hudson said that when ships were lost by enemy action Britain lost not only the cargoes they were carrying but the cargoes they would have carried on future voyages.

In addition every ship taken to support the war effort in the Mediterranean and Middle East meant one ship less to carry food and feeding-stuffs.

"We have to think not only of the situation to-day but what might we be this time next year," he declared.—Reuter.

EAST AFRICA'S LOAN TO BRITAIN

The entire proceeds of the first East African War Loan which will be floated on December 17 will be re-lent to the Imperial Government.

This was announced by the Governor in Nairobi yesterday when he opened the budget session of the Legislature.—Reuter.

ARMY TRAINING SYSTEM

Quality Combined With Speed

The military authorities in Britain are inclined to think that the system of training instituted at the beginning of the war has stood a year's test well. It was working very smoothly indeed at the time of the Battle of France, and though there was some breaking up, then called for, matters speedily improved again. That so little was lost in quality in consequence of the demand for increased quantity was largely due to the energy of the training staffs.

Before Dunkirk Great Britain was, from the military point of view, largely one immense training centre to provide reinforcements for the B.E.F. Since then the country has become a possible theatre of operations, and the operational and training roles of the troops have become interlocked. Every training unit now has operational duties; one is conducting its training within artillery range of the enemy. So far, however, training does not appear to have been slowed down by this new development.

Selecting Officers

The task of selecting officers from the ranks has been made easier by a system of inspections, though it continues to place a heavy responsibility on commanding officers. The officers now receiving commissions are of course older than their predecessors.

The serious problems involved in this state of affairs were pointed out early in the war, but it now appears to be no intention to push these older subalterns forward quickly to the rank of company commander whenever this appears practicable and they are worthy of accelerated promotion.

The university training scheme recently announced by the Secretary of State for War is specially designed to provide suitable officers for the more technical arms: Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, and Royal Corps of Signals. In addition, Young Soldiers' Battalions for men between the ages of 18 and 20 are being carefully watched for likely officers.

At the outset there was little difficulty in obtaining men suitable for the many technical jobs, "tradesmen" in Army parlance. A shortage, however, soon began to make itself felt. To remedy this, a technical training scheme has been started and is being carried out in technical colleges, workshops, factories and garages all over the coun-



With the typical cheery spirit of the Britisher, people who have been rendered homeless by Hitler's wild bombing raids, soon find shelter and many helping hands are ready to attend to their comfort. Photo shows Rover Scouts shepherding people to new homes at a clearing station in North London. (Copyright, Fox).

NO CHANGE IN ULSTER POLICY

Continuity in Ulster's foreign policy was emphasised by the new Prime Minister, Mr. J. M. Andrews, in the Ulster House of Commons yesterday when he paid a tribute to the late Lord Craigavon.

Lord Craigavon's greatness, said Mr. Andrews, was never revealed more clearly than in the last two years when he assured the Imperial Government of Ulster's support whatever might happen, thus rightly interpreting the mind of the Ulster people.

Less than a month ago Lord Craigavon said in the House: "Northern Ireland, please, God, under the old flag, and under the King and Constitution, will carry on."

Mr. Andrews added: "I make those words my own. Northern Ireland will carry on and within the British Empire Ulster will play its part in the post-war world."—Reuter.

try, almost entirely, by the civil staffs of these institutions. The men in training are billeted and go to work like civilian workmen each day. They have shown great keenness, and only the merest fraction of them have had to be returned to duty for misconduct.

During the winter, in addition to training, education and welfare work are to be carried on side by side. The cinema, all too seldom available in time of peace, because its "rush hours" corresponded with the hours when the Territorials could have used it, is now being employed more and more for this purpose. The War Office does not believe that that side of training, which may be called "spit and polish", is by any means unnecessary, and has no intention of abandoning it. It is considered to have a valuable effect so long as it does not unduly encroach upon instruction in the handling of weapons and upon war craft in general.

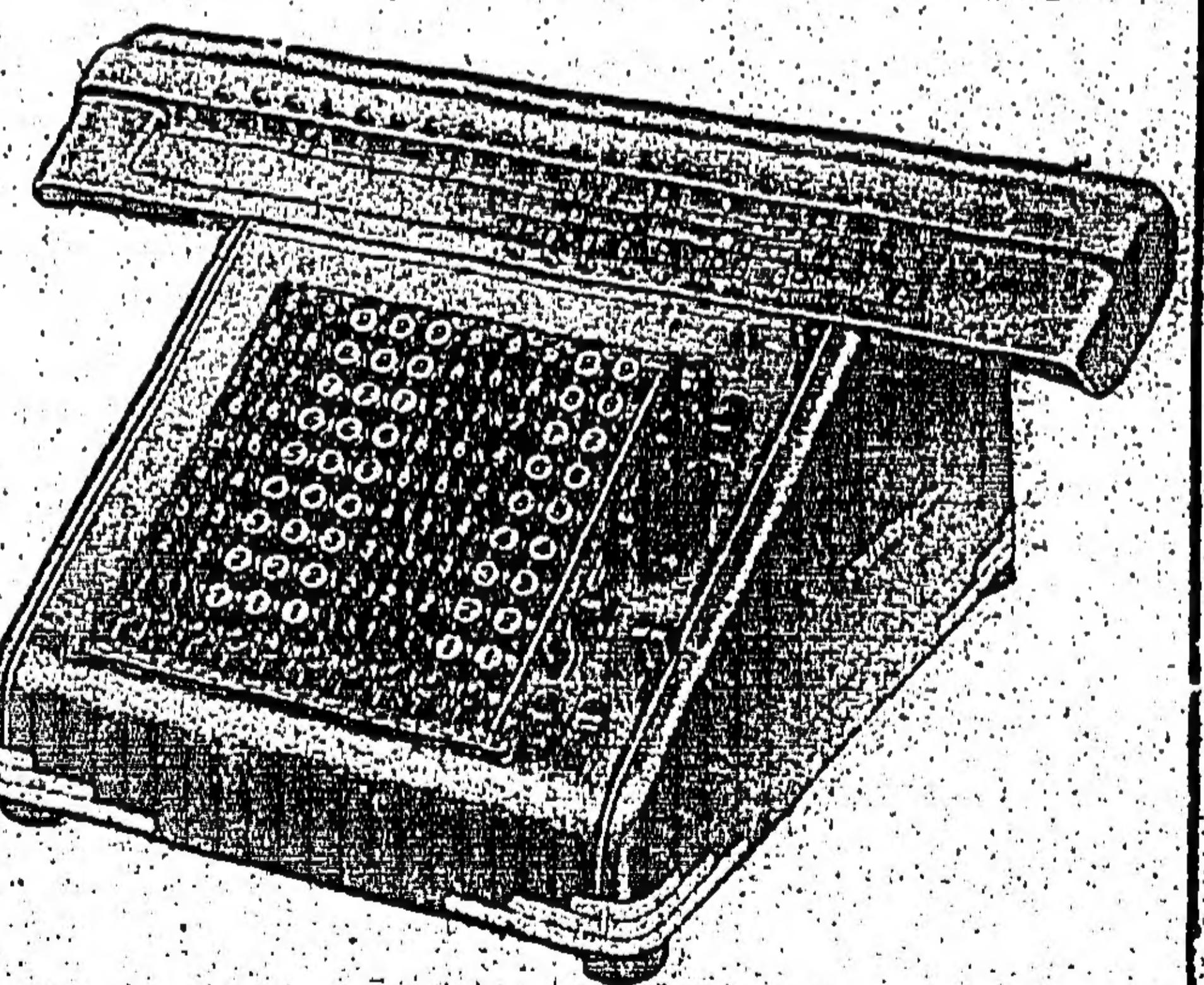
CHEERFUL TONE ON STOCK EXCHANGE

General improvement in gilt-edged and selected industrials imparted a cheerful sentiment on the London Stock Exchange yesterday while the partial removal of the ban on dealings in certain Canadian and foreign securities was

widely welcomed, though resulting in few dealings. Among mines, De Beers Preferred were featured, advancing from £8-3/8 to £9-3/8. Elsewhere the trend was firm though business was light. Wall Street was irregularly higher.—Reuter.

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DEATH OF LORD ROTHERMERE

NEWS WAS RECEIVED in London last night of the death in Bermuda at the age of 72 of Lord Rothermere, the well-known newspaper magnate and financier.

Lord Rothermere went to America in May on a special mission at the request of Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production.

His health began to fail and he received treatment in a New York clinic. Later he went to Bermuda to recuperate but here had a relapse. — Reuter.

Lord Rothermere was born Harold Sidney Harmsworth and was the son of a barrister in London. He was a younger brother of the late Lord Northcliffe, who founded modern journalism.

Lord Rothermere owned the "Daily Mail," "Daily Mirror," "Evening News," "Sunday Dispatch" and many provincial journals.

In the last war he was Director-General of the Army Clothing Department from 1916-17 and first Secretary of State for Air, from 1917-18.

He was created a Baronet in 1910 and was given a Barony in 1914. In 1917 he was made a Privy Councillor and two years later was raised to the Viscountcy. — Reuter.

**AMERICA'S
REPRESENTATIVE
IN ROME**

Mr. Alexander Kirk has been appointed United States Charge d'Affaires in Rome with Ministerial rank.

Mr. Kirk until recently was Charge d'Affaires in Berlin.

He has already left for Lisbon by air en route to the Italian capital. — Reuter.

**PATROLS ACTIVE IN
GALLABAT ZONE**

In the area east of Gallabat and north-east of Kassala in the Sudan "our patrols were again active," said a communiqué issued from G.H.Q. in Cairo yesterday.

The communiqué added that on other fronts there was nothing to report. — Reuter.

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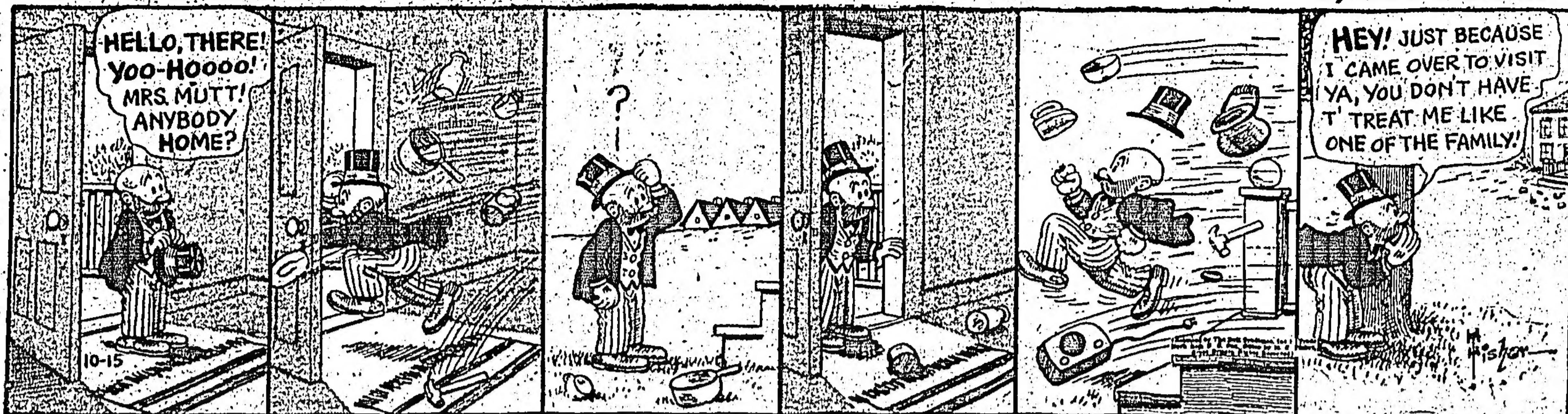
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ALLEGED REPORT OF SECRET SESSION

Roy Leonard Townsend Day, 27, a clerk of West Towers, Eastgate Road, Pinner, appeared on remand before Mr. McKenna at Bow Street Police Court charged with a number of offences under the Defence Regulations.

A new charge was preferred of having, in a publication called "The Uncensored British News Bulletin," published a report of, or purporting to describe, the proceedings at a secret session held by a House of Parliament in pursuance of a resolution passed by that House, such report or description not having been officially communicated through the Ministry of Information.

Other charges were: Committing an act likely to assist enemy or, prejudice the public safety, the defence of the Realm, of the efficient prosecution of the war, in that he published an appeal advising people in this country to listen-in to the New British Broadcasting Station in Germany, and obtaining, regarding, communicating to another person, publishing, or having in

CANADIAN LIMIT ON COPPER EXPORT HITS JAPAN

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT action in limiting copper exports comes as no surprise to copper interests in Vancouver Province who have been providing Japan with roughly half of their copper output yearly.

Although Ottawa recently refused an outright embargo on metals exports to Japan, the signing of the Tokyo-Berlin-Rome pact aligning Japan openly with countries at war with Canada was expected to bring new action. Previously Japan had guaranteed that Canadian copper would not be transshipped to Germany or Italy.

his possession a document containing information which would, if read in Court, would help the enemy.

Mr. Vincent Evans, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, applied for the proceedings to be heard in camera. He said there were certain documents which, if read in Court, would help the enemy.

The Magistrate directed the Court to be cleared.

After a hearing occupying about an hour, Day was committed to the Central Criminal Court for trial on all the charges.

Previous reluctance to instigate a copper embargo has arisen for a number of reasons.

A Profitable Market

British Columbia mines sent their copper to Japan because Japan was the only profitable market, even though the mine operators would have been glad to choose almost any other outlet. The British Government, which is the principal customer for copper from eastern Canada and elsewhere in the Empire, has until now been unable to pay the price sufficient to make British Columbia copper mining profitable. British Columbia mines sold to Japan on a long-term contract and were paid in United States funds. Thus they benefited by the acquisition of valuable foreign exchange and by the maintenance of a pay roll distributed among several thousand families. Furthermore it was believed that with the Japanese market eliminated the British Columbia low-grade copper mines would be unable to find a profitable customer anywhere else. It is unlikely that they could find a United States market owing to the high tariff on American imports.

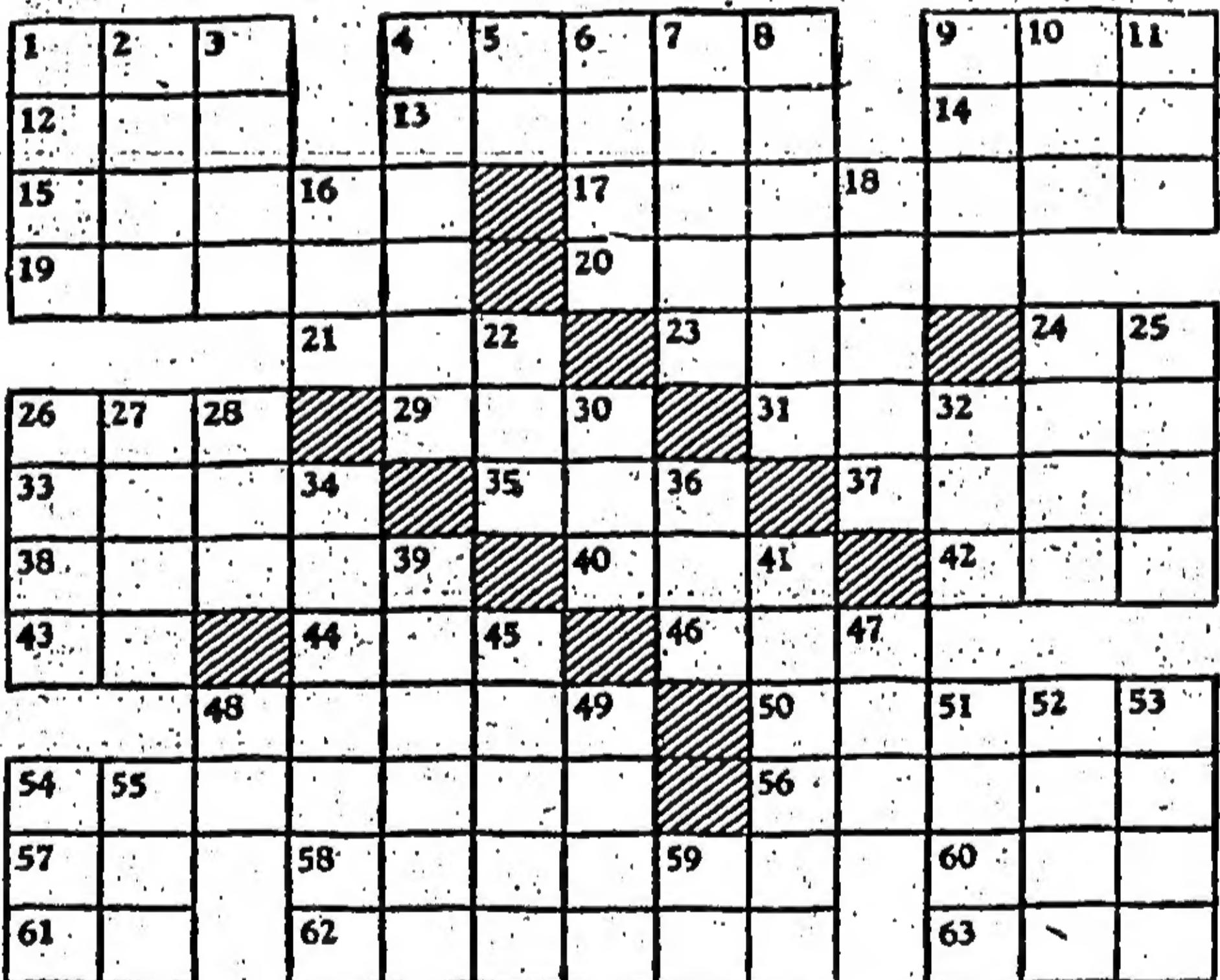
Parallel Action Needed

Another argument was that it would be useless for Canada to ban shipments of copper to Japan if the United States continues to sell there. If the United States effected a similar embargo the situation would be different, although Japan might still be able to get copper from America.

Shipments of scrap iron are virtually prohibited now, and the same applies to nickel, although some lead and zinc goes through. In view of Tokyo's present increased anti-British attitude it would not surprise anyone, even the copper producers, if Canada were to clamp down tightly on continued shipments of all metals to Japan.

A similar ban might also be applied to raw log shipments from British Columbia to Japan. This has been the source of annoyance to those who would like to see Canada retain the profits of lumber and pulp manufacture rather than let the raw materials go across the Pacific for the benefit of Oriental mill operators. However, under the present setup, nothing can be done to restrict these shipments as the logs come from crown grant timber. Only Ottawa could apply needed pressure there; the provincial authorities are helpless.

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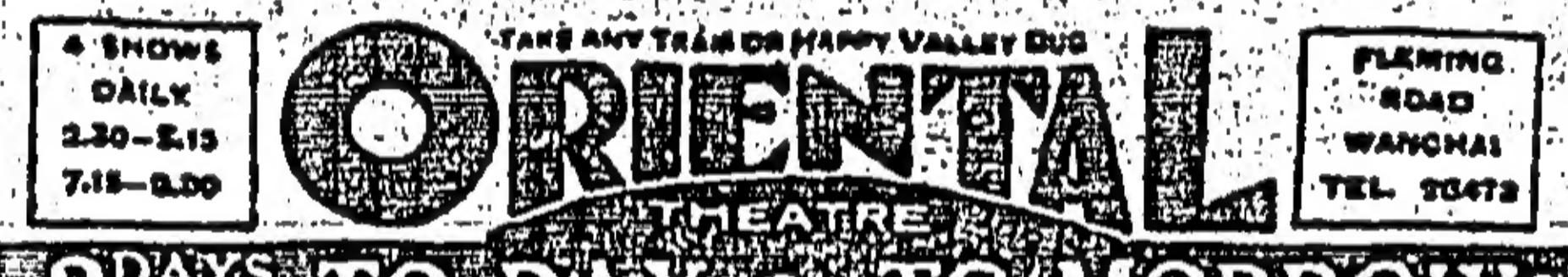
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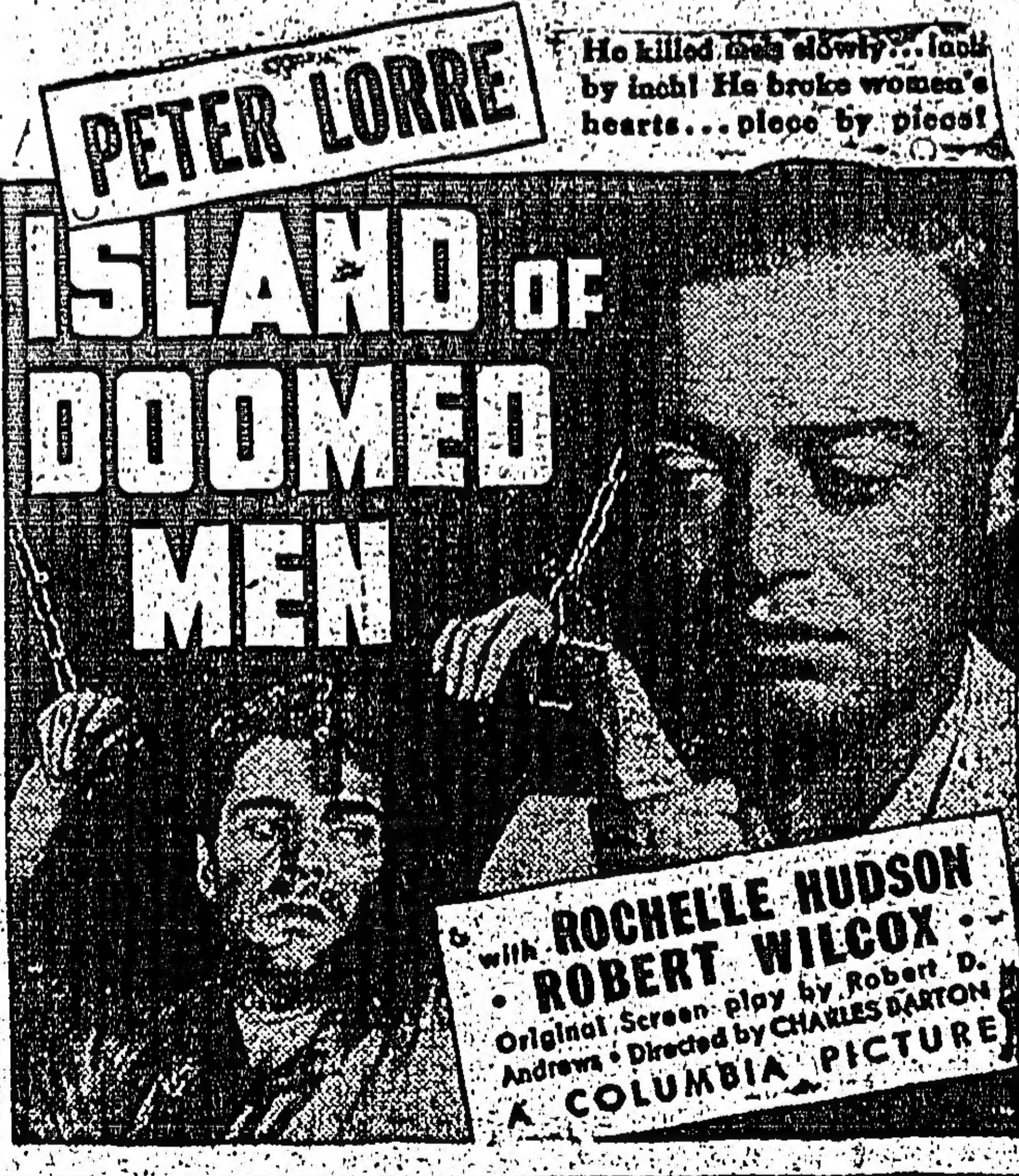
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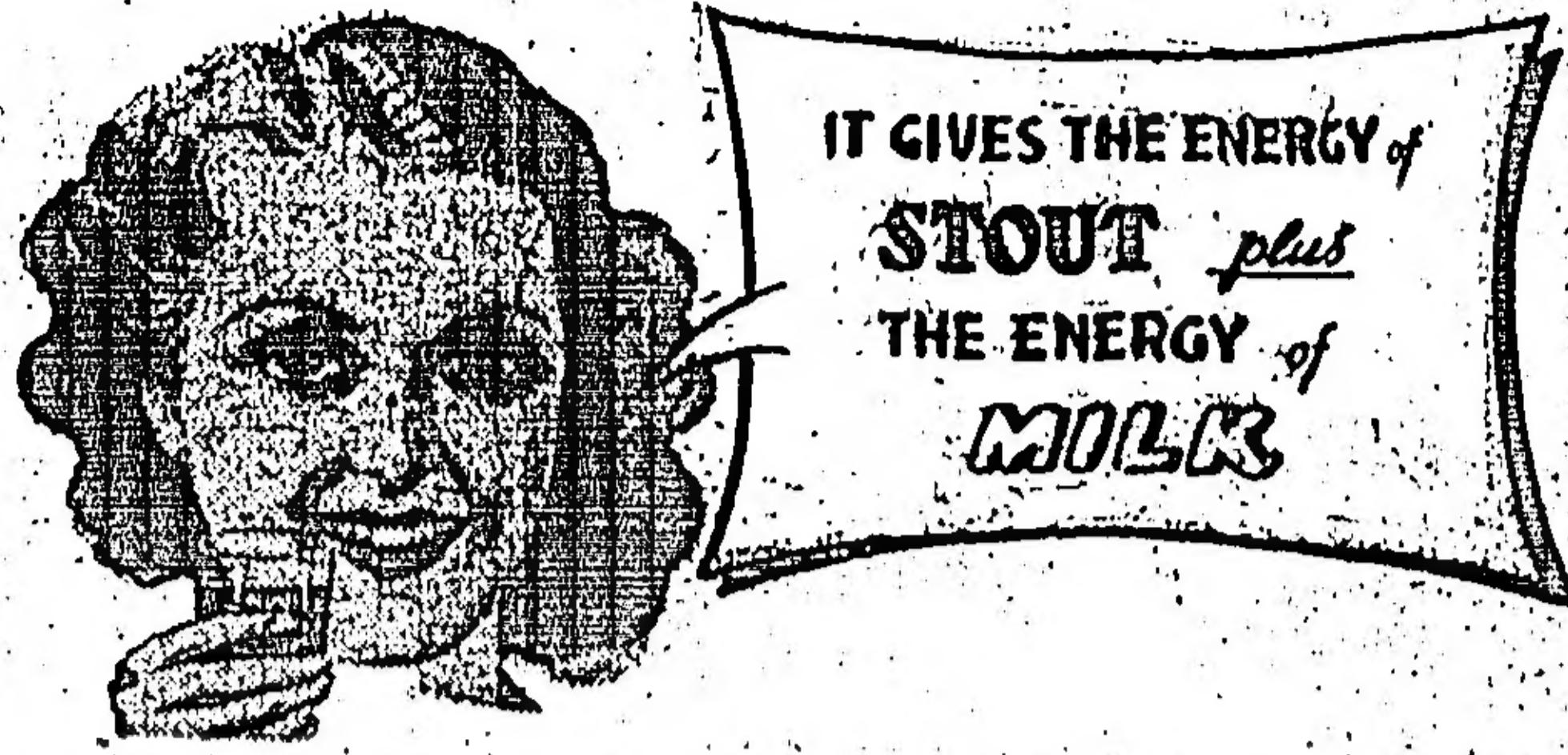
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DIVE-BOMBER UPSET BY R.A.F. BALLOONS

ONE OF THE biggest jokes of this war is Britain's balloon barrage. But don't get me wrong. The time is gone when the facetious Nazis fed their folk with caricatures and quips for which our "floating elephants" seemed to be ready made, writes a correspondent.

Yes, surely we poor English were fools to think that such an incongruous defence weapon in modern warfare would achieve anything against the mighty Nazi air force? Too silly to contemplate a balloon foiling the monster machines of the air. Just a joke!

They'd be shot down as fast this did much to remove the as they went up—or faster—according to German reckoning.

And so the Nazis had their laugh. That was a year ago. Today we are having ours; the joke is on them.

Pea Shooting

The defence system they ridiculed has been developed by us on such a big scale as to form one of the most powerful units of our armoury against which the German air force is being vainly flung. And Germany knows it just as well as we do.

What was once a fond German dream of "pea shooting" fun at our expense has become a veritable nightmare to their airmen.

You may wonder why it is that they are going to such trouble—and paying such a heavy price—to shoot down these balloons.

There's a simple answer. The balloons, in their own way, present just as difficult an obstacle to enemy aircraft as our fighters and A.A. guns.

Born during the last war, the balloon barrage system has matured into one of the most efficient units in the defence of Britain.

Don't imagine for a moment that these "gas bags" are just sent up and stay put awaiting for an unusually careless enemy to fly into the cable and destruction—no! There's organisation and the formation of the many squadrons and manipulation of the balloons.

Let me put it this way. At the head is the Air Ministry; from that branches the Balloon Command, which controls every centre throughout the country; then come the offsprings, divisions of groups, each group with squadrons, each squadron with flights, and each flight with sites (or balloons).

That, then, forms the network of the barrage stretching all over Britain, and with balloons systematically "staggered," curtains are provided over vital spots.

And now the function of the balloons. The general idea seems to be that they are up in the sky to keep off dive bombers. Right. But it's something more than just that.

True, a bomber, unless the pilot is completely mad, would not dream of approaching a target with balloon protection at low altitude. He'd quickly come down.

The balloon is there to keep enemy planes well up for another reason. A bomber wants to get down to, say, 1,000ft. for accurate bombing. There's no calculation necessary for wind drift, and so on, and it's dead easy. So the balloon keeps him above 1,000ft.

Then there are the A.A. guns. They are ineffective against planes flying low. The trajectory is outside their range, and so the balloon sees to it that they come into the reckoning.

Thus it can be said that there are three main tasks for the balloon barrage. How well they are carrying them out is exemplified by the fact that dive-bombing here is almost unheard of, and our A.A. guns are taking heavy toll of raiders day and night.

Not to be forgotten is the "balloon navy." It came into being when the Nazis launched their mine-laying campaign. Using a similar balloon to that on land, heavy motor-barges were equipped with six-wheeled lorries to which was attached the balloon cable. As a mobile unit,

MURDERER HELD GIRL CAPTIVE

Vito Gurino, a 18-storey "strong-arm man," employed by American Trade Union racketeers, and self-confessed murderer of seven people, admitted in court in New York that he had kidnapped a 17-year-old girl with the aid of four other men and held her captive for months.

Gurino confessed to the kidnapped girl being criminally assaulted by him and his four associates, while his wife, who had refused to betray him, listened in the court room.

Demand To Mother

The girl was a singer in a night club in Brooklyn. Gurino and his partners seized her, carried her to a motor-car, and drove to a remote deserted parking-place (says the B.U.P.).

There they criminally assaulted her and muffled her screams with blows.

They were afraid to release her, and decided she would have to be "bought" or buried.

An emissary was sent to the girl's mother, who was given \$100 and told to keep her mouth shut or she and her daughter would both be killed.

SHE KNEW

Two Welsh women were in their Anderson shelter during an air raid.

Said Marged: Drat it! I've forgotten to wake my Dai. He's fast asleep in bed.

Said her friend: Never mind, Marged, fach. Let him sleep through it.

Said Marged: Let him sleep. You don't know my Dai. If a bomb drops on him he'll get up and nag me to death, for not waking him up.

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At one of these groups I saw the swift-moving machinery in this widespread system. Through the gates came trailers laden with empty cylinders, trundling past the huge hangars housing repaired balloons. Out next minute went others carrying fresh supplies of hydrogen to a particular site.

Each of those 30 cylinders

carried on the trailers contains 600 cubic feet of hydrogen, and all 30—a total of 18,000 cubic

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chester when the Cotton Board

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fabrics and materials in cotton

and rayon.

Enormous advances in technical

research during the past few

years are now enabling the

Lancashire mills and

designing houses to turn out materials of

colour, design, and style hitherto

thought impossible in cotton.

Many mills are specialising in

rayon—artificial silk—production,

and are turning out fabrics in-

distinguishable from real silks.

The Germans have been tell-

ing South and Central American

buyers that Lancashire cannot

make or deliver cotton goods if

they are ordered. The truth is

that huge shipments of finished

goods for export markets are

leaving Lancashire every week.

Orders from abroad are being

completed to schedule, and are

reaching the buyers on time

also," said an official of one of

this county's biggest textile houses.

Further proof that the Nazis

have been unable to damage the

efforts of the Lancashire cotton

industry is afforded by the fact

that imports of raw cotton are

flowing into Liverpool and Man-

chester in greater quantity even

than in peace-time.

WAR IS MAKING NEW FASHION CENTRE

ACHIEVEMENTS OF designers and technical experts in Lancashire's cotton industry, allied with the collapse of Paris as a fashion centre, may soon result in the county becoming the world's fashion dictator.

Cotton and rayon fabrics have

now reached such standards of

perfection that they can be

fashioned into clothes which will

bear comparison with the

most expensive silks and wool-

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NAZI SETBACK

The diplomatic bombshell for which Nazi propaganda prepared the world during the Molotov visit to Berlin has shrunk to the adherence of Hungary, Rumania and Slovakia to the Tokyo-Axis Pact; providing a degree of anti-climax which is as comforting as it is significant. Even dull-witted Germans who believe everything they read in their State-dictated newspapers must puzzle over the precise gain to the power and might of Germany that has been achieved by a diplomatic flurry terminating in the signatures of three already completely subservient States to Hitler's line-up against the villainous British.

The conclusion to be drawn fairly leaps out of the procession of events. It is, of course, that M. Molotov's trip to Berlin was a dismal failure from the German viewpoint, and that Ribbentrop had to do some quick thinking to show anything at all.

Were there any doubt about the setback, it would appear to be removed by the sudden interest of Moscow Radio in last week's debate in the Bulgarian Parliament. Emphasis throughout the Soviet version of the proceedings was upon the pro-Soviet and the anti-German feelings expressed during the discussion;

and upon the sharp criticism by several Deputies of King Boris's visit to Berchtesgaden. Direct result, too, apparently, was cancellation of the proposed visit to Berlin of the Bulgarian Premier, and the Foreign Minister, who stayed in Sofia for talks with Soviet representatives.

The Kremlin, in fact, has not only flatly contradicted the German attempt to suggest that Russia approved Hungary's accession to the Axis-Tokyo Pact (giving the German Army right of passage through Hungary to Yugoslavia, if Hitler so decreed), but an aid to Turkey; and, has given Hitler fair warning that an attack on Greece through Bulgaria, would be regarded by Russia as an unfriendly act.

The diplomatic pressure of the Soviet has been ex-

The Soldier Of India

On Duty

In attempting to say something about the part now being played by the Army in India in this latest war, I know that I shall find many who from personal knowledge can underline my sentiments and endorse my appreciation. Australian contacts with India are close. Has not the "W.W.I." been the medium of introduction of Australian horse-lovers to the officers and men of the cavalry in India? Australian officers have long been seconded for service with the Indian Army. Above all, my old comrades of Anzac have no need to be told of the valour of the Indian Mountain Batteries, the Gurkhas and the 14th Sikhs is honoured by all who fought alongside of them on the Gallipoli peninsula. To-day the Indian Army is profoundly gratified by the knowledge that, in this war, the gallant Joe of those Gallipoli days is our staunch friend.

When I read of the Russian invasion of Finland and could see how strongly the Imperial ambitions of the Czars were rising in the breast of Stalin, my mind was

land and disturbed the sleep of Foreign Secretaries in Simla for several decades.



Army Strength

The Army in India, which embraces the British units serving

By Field-Marshal Lord, Birdwood,

G.C.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., C.I.E., D.S.O.

in that country, and the Indian Army, with strengths respectively of about 50,000 and 150,000 in peacetime, has for its main function the defence of India against outside aggression. Misunder-

the Army in India in holding the rugged fastnesses of that difficult terrain has given India a sure shield against the aggressor. So successful has this watch and ward been, that I often think that India herself—peacefully working out her political salvation over the expanse of a vast sub-continent—does not realise its vital importance. Such vigilance is not lightly purchased. Even when the Empire is at peace British and Indian soldiers are on active service in the north-west, whether in the torrid fierce heat of the Frontier summits or in the bitter cold of its snow-capped hills in the winter.

In the problem of Frontier defence, prime preoccupation arises over the situation in that independent tribal territory—a "no man's land" where there are 500,000 fighting men, half of whom at least are armed with modern rifles. Bound together loosely by a common Pathan blood, these tribesmen are split up into clans which owe no allegiance to any one accepted leader. Their problem is mainly economic. The country

Meanwhile, especially when the Empire is at war, the watch on the Frontier must be a heavy responsibility for the Army in India. To-day Afghanistan, independent and member of the League of Nations, is a true friend of Great Britain, but beyond Afghanistan lies Soviet Russia, and Russian intrigues on the Frontier, and indeed in Afghanistan itself, is a plant of long and persistent growth. In the last war Germany made pertinacious attempts to shake the then Amir Habibullah of Afghanistan from his sage policy of friendship with India. Those attempts ignominiously failed. The story cannot be too faithfully remembered.



Keynote Of Service

In this task of defending India, British and Indian officers and men have a wonderful comradeship. It strikes the keynote of service in the Indian Army, and I account myself fortunate in having enjoyed its privilege ever since as a subaltern from a British Cavalry Regiment, I entered the 11th Bengal Lancers, now the 5th King Edward's Own Probyn's Horse, well over 50 years ago. My family's close association with India for nearly 150 years is a matter of great pride to me, covering as it does service in the Army as well as in the Civil Service. In writing about the Army I do not discuss politics—a soldier has no politics—but I have never permitted my military life to cut me off from study of the Indian administration. My old colleagues in the Indian Legislature will, I think, hear me out in the assertion that I have been a whole-hearted champion of India's advance toward self-government within the Empire which the Indian Army has served so gallantly—997 decorations were won by that Army in the Great War—and which has greatly benefited the moral and material progress of India. The generation of British and Indians in the Civil Services has been as splendid as that in the Army itself and has made notable contributions to the consolidation of Indian policy, for the good of the many peoples of that country.



India At Her Best

The Army side of Indian life is naturally most, indeed, I may say very, familiar to me. In some ways the British officer in that Army sees India at her best. He enjoys the companionship in war, in sport, in the countryside of Indian comrades, who, by tradition, temperament, and family ties are bound whole-heartedly to the service of the King-Emperor under the Commander-in-Chief. As Commander-in-Chief myself I knew how much that meant. Drawn from martial classes, mostly of peasant stock, the men of the Indian Army are of the finest type which India produces. For them the duty of defending the community with the sword is paramount. They are no mere swashbucklers. Underlying their martial spirit is the thrift and domesticity of the yeoman or peasant. When the Indian soldier goes on service, whether in wartime or on garrison duty overseas, the manner in which he remits substantial sums of money to his people at home is an object-lesson in conjugal or filial piety. It explains, too, the traditions which bring recruits to the Army to the third and fourth generation.

Unruly Tribes

In handling these unruly tribes the Government has a two-fold policy. It establishes military posts linked up with roads in certain dominating points in the territory, and gives the tribesmen the opportunity of sharing in the policing of the country by a system of recruitment as road guards with allowances. Order is thus maintained on lines which do not weigh too heavily upon tribal turbulence. By thus allowing the tribesmen to conduct their own affairs in their own way, it is hoped to discourage them from adventures into a administrative territory. The inevitable firebrand crops up, of course, for religious reasons, to fan the flame of fanaticism, and then pacification has to be strengthened by punitive action. Yet the Government recognises the need for devising economic relief over and above subventions to the guardians of law and order. So plans for improving irrigation facilities in this mountainous country are among the measures designed to bring real peace in no man's land. The ultimate goal is to make the administrative border coincide everywhere with the true Frontier, but so long as the tribesmen feel they must always carry rifles on their backs for immediate defence and accept the obligations of the blood feud this is impracticable. The forcible disarmament of them and advance to the Durand Line, as the Frontier is called, would be an operation unjustified financially as well as morally.

The relations between the officer of the Indian Army and his men are intimate and really healthy. In themselves they greatly strengthen the ties which bind the people to the Government. They create friendships which persist throughout a lifetime, and even for many generations. To-day I have the honour to be Colonel of the regiment which I first joined as a subaltern. My son is a serving officer of that regiment. So the tale proceeds. Somehow I feel that it will continue to proceed, for whatever changes occur, the virility, sense of fair play and chivalrous honour of the Indian soldier must play their full part in the development of India's nationhood. They are alert to-day when India hears the call to defend mankind against oppression and arrogant dominance.

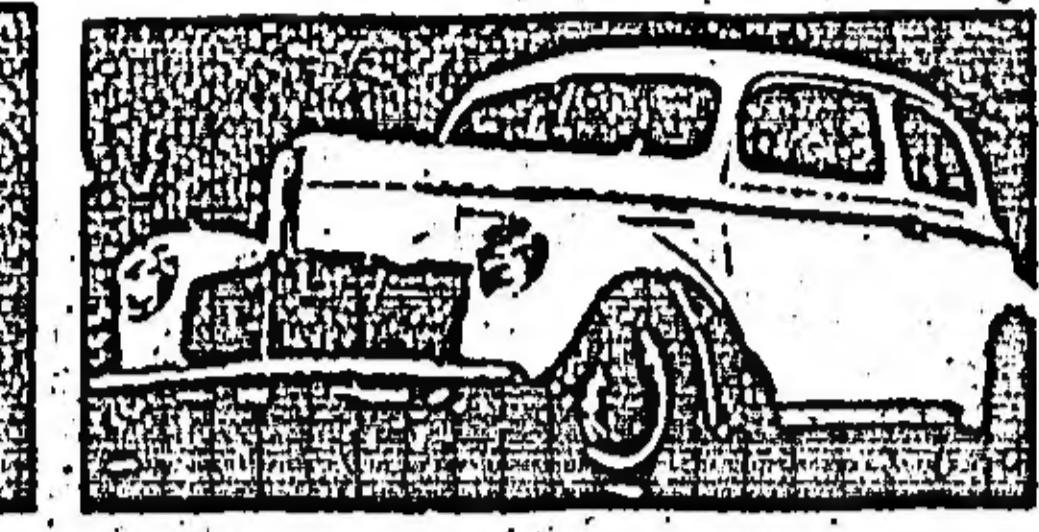


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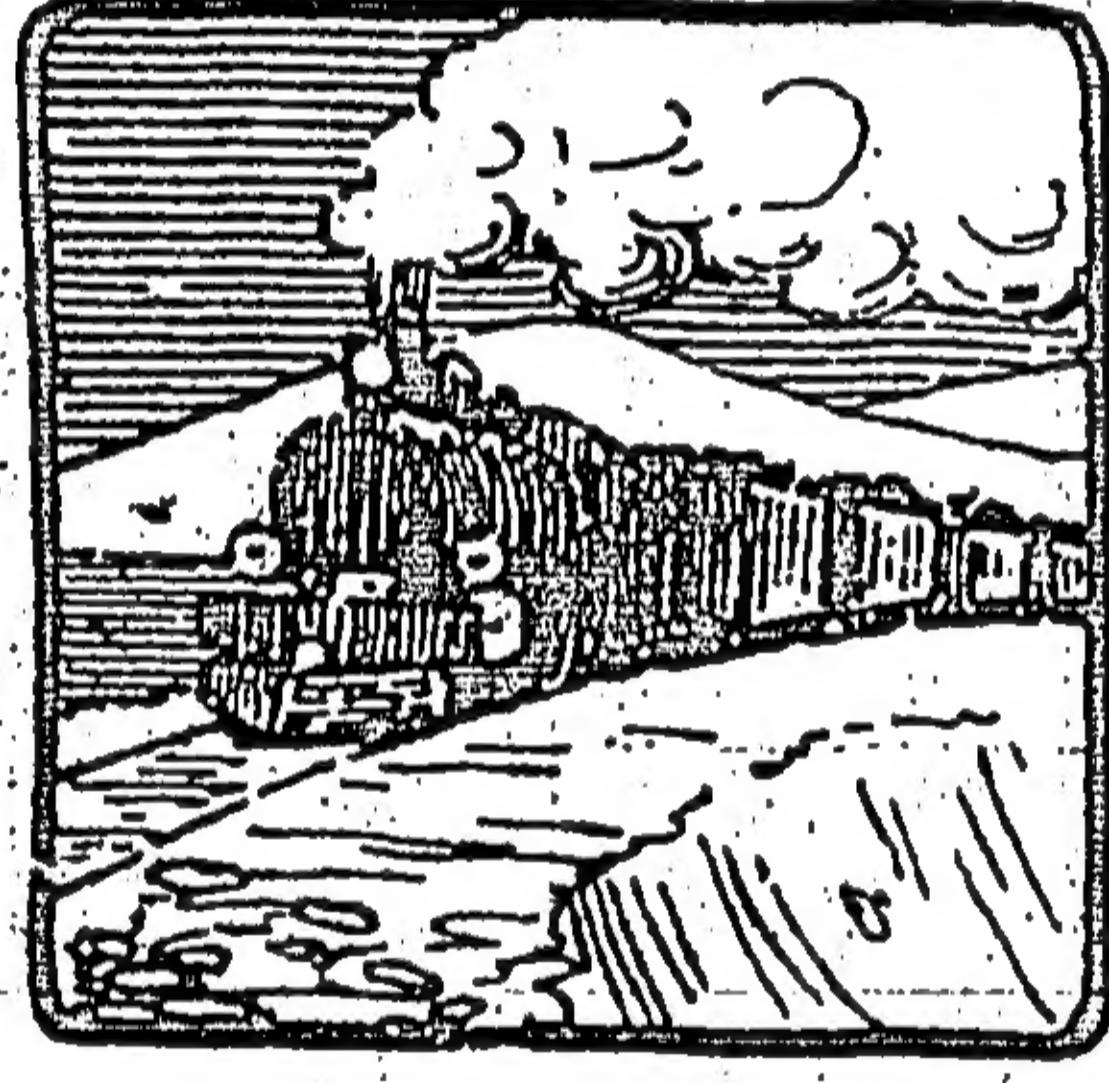
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BOTTLE PARTIES CLOSING**NIGHT LIFE HIT
BY AIR RAIDS ON
LONDON**

THE AIR RAIDS have carried on the good work started by the police. The shadier side of London night life is finished — for the time being at any rate. The nightly barrage has driven the underworld organisers out of town. The West End, as a result, is developing complete respectability.

Suspected premises which were being watched by the police and the military authorities a fortnight ago have now closed down of their own accord.

I toured the West End Faro and chemin-de-fer dens, doubtful bottle-parties, so-called clubs where Servicemen paid high prices for the privilege of talking to hostesses who drank expensive "liqueurs" — of coloured water — have all vanished, writes a correspondent.

There are fewer active crooks in the Jungle—the police name for the area bounded by Charing Cross Road, Tottenham Court Road, and Piccadilly — than there have been for 10 years.

In the same way the legitimate night life of London, almost disappears with the unofficial curfew around nine o'clock.

Only a handful of clubs remain open—and they are nearly all official air raid shelters.

At the Cocoanut Grove in Regent Street, I was told: "Last week was the worst week for business in five years. But we still carry on. The show usually finishes about 5 a.m., and guests can sleep on the settees until the 'all clear' sounds."

Reopening

The Cafe de Paris, luxury night haunt favoured by visiting royalty, is closed for a week. The Embassy Club, despite a high-explosive crater near the entrance, plans to reopen shortly after redecoration.

Popular all-night restaurants serve meals from midnight to dawn—to less than 5 per cent of the normal number of customers.

Sedate To-day

The Cafe Royal, one-time haunt of London's Bohemians, now has a very sedate closing hour around 9 p.m.

At the May Fair Hotel I found music and dancing in the underground shelter-ballroom. Their Spitfire fund was given a flying start by the auction of a shell nose-cap picked up by a member of the staff in Berkeley Square nearby.

The Trocadero, remains open until the last customer decides to brave the outside conditions. Our closing hour is around 11 o'clock these nights. And business could certainly be a lot better," I was told.

Good Cheer

The nightly "blitz" has cheered one group of West End workers. Barmaids frequently have every second night off and sleep their working night down in the cellars. And they have been given rises of 5s. and 10s. a week.

Even the coffee-stall industry has been affected. The men who used to drive their stalls in from the outskirts of the town have frequently shut up shop. Most of the stall-holders with permanent premises are staying open — shrouded by black-out curtains.

The theatres, of course, have been hopelessly hit.

One is carrying on defiantly—and not doing so badly.

That is the Windmill—owned by Mrs. Laura Henderson, who is 76.

She thinks the show should go on.

It does. Only twice in the last fortnight has the curtain been rung down—and then only for a few minutes.

PLACED ON RECORD

Ministry of Supply state that used gramophone records can be converted into valuable war material, and that Britain ought to be saving about six million records a year.

CLOSING

**TRAFFIC
GUNNED
BY NAZIS**

German fighter planes swooped on a small south-east town in daylight and blazed away at people and houses with cannon and machine-guns.

Mrs. D. Chesterman, aged seventy-three, received three wounds when a cannon shell exploded in her room. She was taken to hospital.

This new "frightfulness" was paralleled in an Essex town, where a Dornier bomber machine-gunned traffic and made shoppers dive for shelter.

Bullets fell like hail as the raider fired continuously across a street. Then his high explosive bombs wrecked a maternity hospital, garage and hit a road.

But it was the bomber's last attack. Hurricanes on their way home after a patrol over the North Sea, intercepted it and shot it down.

One of these British pilots, who later landed near the wrecked Dornier, was Flying Officer Hart Massey, 4ft. 3in.cox of the Oxford crew which lost to Cambridge in the 1939 boat race.

Son of the High Commissioner for Canada, he is one of the smallest pilots in the R.A.F.

A Surprise

The German pilot, who had climbed to 4,000ft, dodged in and out of cloud, but several of the Hurricanes got in bursts of fire and the Dornier crashed twenty miles away near a searchlight post.

The searchlight crew, who took four of the German airmen prisoners, were more surprised by Massey's size than by the Hurricanes' victory.

People took shelter so quickly that casualties were very few. The only serious case was Frederick James Burch, printer's reader, who is in hospital with a bullet wound in the back.

A girl aged twelve was cut by flying glass about the legs, and when attended to by A.R.P. workers her only remark was: "I hope mummy and daddy don't hear about this."

A man and woman and a child, who was in a pram, were killed outright.

Ten enemy aircraft were destroyed nine by fighters and one by anti-aircraft fire.

Change in Tactics

One enemy aircraft was destroyed by A.A. fire over south-east London before midnight and in addition it was learned that two others were shot down over the Sussex coast the previous day by Lewis-gun fire.

The raids brought a change of tactics by the German Air Force. Instead of single bombers or one or two large-scale attacks, small raids of from forty to eighty enemy bombers and fighters followed each other from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. But few reached the London area.

London's usual nightly alert was the seventh of the day. Coming in from two directions, waves of raiders tried to reach Central London, but failed to beat the barrage.

An early "All-clear" was sounded, the second earliest since the air blitzkrieg began. The alert was sounded again after about an hour.

In this eighth alert Molotov bread baskets fell on the speech room and science buildings of a famous public school in South-East England. A block of flats was also hit. None of the school houses in which the boys live were affected and no boys were injured.

Quarantine restrictions imposed by the Government of Japan against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of cholera have been removed.

SIX DIE IN GERMAN AIR RAID ON SCHOOL

SIX CHILDREN, all about seven years old, were killed when a German plane swooped down over a Midland town and bombed a large elementary school.

Fortunately the attack came so suddenly that there was no time to move the children into the sandbagged shelters in the playground which were badly damaged.

About 400 boys and girls, some of them evacuees from London and the East Coast attend the school, and three girls, who arrived in the town only a fortnight ago, and a crippled boy were among the killed. Many of the children were probably saved by the fact that just before the explosions they were told to lie on the floor.

The teacher showed great courage. She played a conspicuous part in the rescue work, and helped to take a roll-call.

"It's Thunder"

In one classroom near the one which was wrecked, a small boy heard bombs falling and cried, "Hark teacher."

The teacher, after looking out of the window, told the class, "Yes, it's thunder, but I'd put your heads under the desk if I were you."

The raider flew low and released high-explosive and incendiary bombs in a row across the town. A factory and the school were hit and some damage was done to other buildings.

Casualties, including it is believed, one or two killed, occurred in the factory.

It was the town's first raid of the war.

Two Trains Gunned

A main line train from London was bombed and machine-gunned as it passed through a small Midlands town. Over a dozen bombs were dropped. Three casualties were taken to hospital.

The bombed train was stopped a few miles further on, but as injured people were not seriously hurt they were taken on to the next large town to receive hospital treatment.

One of those taken to hospital was Mr. Harry Crawshaw, of Harpenden, Herts, who was wounded in the thigh.

Mr. R. Robinson, a passenger on the train, said: "We were travelling north when a German plane dived over the train dropped bombs and began to machine-gun us."

"I was asleep at the time. A bullet came through the window and missed me by six. I picked it up later and am keeping it as a souvenir."

Another train was machine-gunned when entering a station in an S.E. England village.

"The plane came from across the Thames," said a bookend clerk. "It was very low and passengers put their heads out of the windows. I heard the rattle of a machine gun. No one was hit."

Funeral Gunned

Grave-diggers and mourners dived for cover beside tombstones when a German plane machine-gunned a funeral party at a cemetery during a daylight raid in London.

Women mourners remained in the coaches which were following the hearse as machine-gun bullets spat a few yards away.

Gunfire was heard intermittently in Central London throughout the day—over the longest period in daylight since war began—but buses, cars and taxis, as well as pedestrians, carried on as usual.

A school in a North London suburb was hit by a bomb, and it is feared that a number of A.R.P. workers were buried under the debris.

In an East London district the barrage was described as as heavy as night gunfire. Planes, it was reported, were heard passing over every few minutes.

LOVE IS NEW U.S. CRAZE

After pole sitting, pushing peanuts with the nose, and jitterbugs, a new movement is on foot in America, a movement which sets itself up as the champion of love.

It is Carry-The-Torch Club of America, founded in New York by Mr. Noel Meadow.

Its aims are to encourage and assist those for whom the course of true love does not run smoothly.

The phrase "Carrying the Torch" has been defined as "the time when your heart stops ticking and starts talking."

"I Love Love"

"The world is full of so much unhappiness," Mr. Meadow said gloomily to the British United Press, "that time is ripe for love to bring a little sweetness to people."

Mr. Meadow's last official position was as president and founder of the Society of Screwballs.

Another leader in the movement is Mr. Edward Jaffe, who in his odd moments acts as publicity man for a batch of what he terms "God's loveliest people, strip tease dancers."

Acting president of the organization is Miss Cynthia Kent, red-headed, pretty and 21. "I love love," she says.

U.S. ARMS POUR INTO GERMANY

American industrialists are secretly supplying Germany and Italy with £2,500,000 worth of vital war materials a month, according to an investigation made by the New York "Daily News."

Vast quantities of ore (including copper), machinery and cotton, which is essential in the manufacture of explosives, are entering Axis territory through Arctic Ocean ports, Spain, Portugal and Russia. Some goes via Cuba and Mexico.

These five nations are cooperating with American business men, who have made profitable contacts with Axis agents in all parts of the world.

"The Daily News" reveals that powerful Axis friend Juan March — who was Franco's financial backer — has a desk in the offices of Francis Du Pont, which has connections with the huge Du Pont arms and gunpowder firm at Wilmington, Delaware.

Another desk in the same office is occupied by Avelino Montes, who is an expert at getting secret shipments through Mexico.

HE WAS PUNISHED BY HIS WIFE

"My wife bit me," was the explanation offered by a native when he hobbed into court on crutches at Bloemfontein charged with assaulting his wife.

He told the Judge that his fiery better-half had bitten him on the thigh.

The Judge took the view that to be bitten by a wife is punishment enough and discharged him.

M.P. GIVEN 2 MONTHS' NOTICE

Captain A. S. Cunningham Reid, M.P. for Marylebone, has been given two months' notice by the St. Marylebone Conservative Association to indicate when it would be convenient for him to defend his position, "if he desires to do so."

Honolulu Trip

Recently the Association passed a resolution to the effect that the constituency was not being properly represented and called on Captain Cunningham-Reid to resign.

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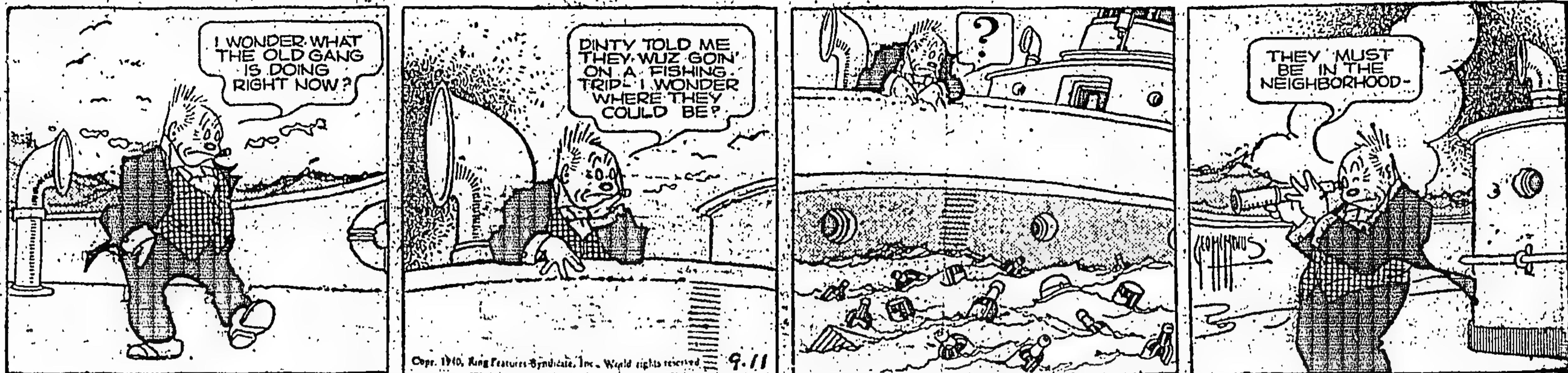
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Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN British Women Work For The Red Cross

In just over a year two and three-hour donations of spare time stitching have made one of the most impressive contributions to the War. Involving fantastic quantities of raw materials; hundredweights of wool; miles of cloth; buttons enough to outline the London area; cotton enough to stitch a train from one end of England to the other. It adds to staggering sums in finished garments. And the distinction of supplying the Red Cross with everything a pair of hands can make to help its great humane work. To make the lot of every war casualty a little easier to bear.

These women who supply the Red Cross—or to be precise who sew and knit for the Central Hospital Supply Service—meet in groups of varying numbers in every town and village throughout the British Isles. They are the women who carry on the jobs the fighting men must leave. They run their homes. They look after their children. They still find time like Mrs. Johnson of Bethnal Green, London, to sew two afternoons a week and "wish they could do more." She does a factory night shift in addition to cooking and cleaning for a family of four. Yet she has to miss one afternoon's attendance at the school in which her working party meet.

Some workers have time for a few hours' sewing each day. Some can spare time for only two hours a week. They all take knitting home to weave what comfort they can from their leisure for those who suffer.

War's ravaging of half Europe is recorded in the vast bundles of goods they have made and sent to the depots in London, Bristol and Sale.

In Poland

First Poland. Field dressings... bandages... men's pyjamas... hospital shirts! No one had then glimpsed what this war was destined to do to civilians. It came with that first S.O.S. for clothing. Any and every kind of clothing to cover women and children as well as the men who trudged painfully across a ravaged country in that first, helpless, hopeless army of refugees. No one realised even then the significance there was behind that need for clothing for the women and children. No one

had schemed a roll of cloth into the cutting of more than so many pyjamas and shirts for soldiers and sailors and airmen... with the scraps made—perhaps into bed covers and hot water bottle jackets. They use them now for children's knickers and shirts and sleeping suits.

It seemed a long way to Norway and Finland from the quiet English countryside... with the first Spring flowers coming into bloom as women went to village schoolrooms and town halls to struggle with their first knitted helmet. To negotiate thick, clumsy-to-work felt into neat booties and gloves.

Nearly a hundred women in one Kent town will never smell mackintosh again without thinking of Dunkirk. They made pillowslips of it... for men who had swum through a sea of burning oil.

Five thousand of these working parties are actually affiliated to

By
Iris Carpenter

the Red Cross. There are countless others working independently or through various women's guilds and organisations. The youngest members are often schoolgirls... who at eight years old... capably... knit... squares... for hospital blankets. The oldest is probably the French woman of eighty who went through the siege of Paris. She spends her days in this campaign knitting operation socks.

Daily Record

The vast organisation needed to deal with the production of goods for the Central Hospital Supply Service is under the Chairmanship of Viscountess Falmouth. It works from London Headquarters through thirteen Regional Divisions. Some idea of its efficiency may be gathered from the fact that there is a daily record kept of raw material, work in hand and... finished goods from which it is possible to estimate the length of time to within an hour or so in which a given number of garments can be made and delivered to any part of the world.

During the Finnish campaign five thousand pyjamas of a certain type were urgently required. They were on their way in twenty-four hours.

A large London area is directed by Lady Daresbury from a small flat in which seventeen miles of cloth have been cut into garments during the past year. These are sent to the working parties of the area. We took two sacks full to an East London school. Twenty women sat stitching busily. Five at machines. The others were tacking seams, making buttonholes in a consignment of women's pyjamas, needed just now for air raid casualties.

Not one of those women had slept in bed for a week. They had spent their nights sleeping in air raid shelters. They were perfectly cheerful. "Surprising how soon you get used to it," said one. She is a market hand, up at half past four every morning, and proud of the fact that she can make the best buttonholes in the party in spite of hands gnarled from years of twisting wire for flower mounting.

Another had been thrown from one side of her home to the other when a bomb demolished the one next door. She machined pyjamas seams with professional dexterity and the remark that she

was lucky to be sewing instead of wearing them!

Every working party has its own ingenious uses for even the minutest scraps of material. Not a particle is wasted. Every roll of cloth before cutting has its selvages torn off... to be knitted into hospital cloths and dusters. Shavings too small for any other use are sold for paper manufacture.

Contributions from every part of the world reach the Red Cross for the purchase of material for its working parties. In addition, most of them have their own schemes for raising money for the purchase of raw material. The dances, and garden parties and bridge and whist drives which have taken place in aid of the cause during the past year are countless.

Every kind of competition—from a golf match to guessing the number of biscuits in a tin, has been organised. In one London suburb, members of a working party pay a penny for each hour of sleep lost during an air raid. Pennies are spent on wool which is knitted during the raid.

Since the outbreak of war more than a million gifts have reached the Red Cross in addition to those sent out by them to be made up by their working parties. There are stories like the Sussex village of three hundred people who collected nearly a pound a head. Or the fishing village on the North Devon Coast whose collected sufficient money and in three months knitted up two thousand garments. A blitzkrieg of effort, reckoned with knitting pins, thimbles and womanly endeavour.

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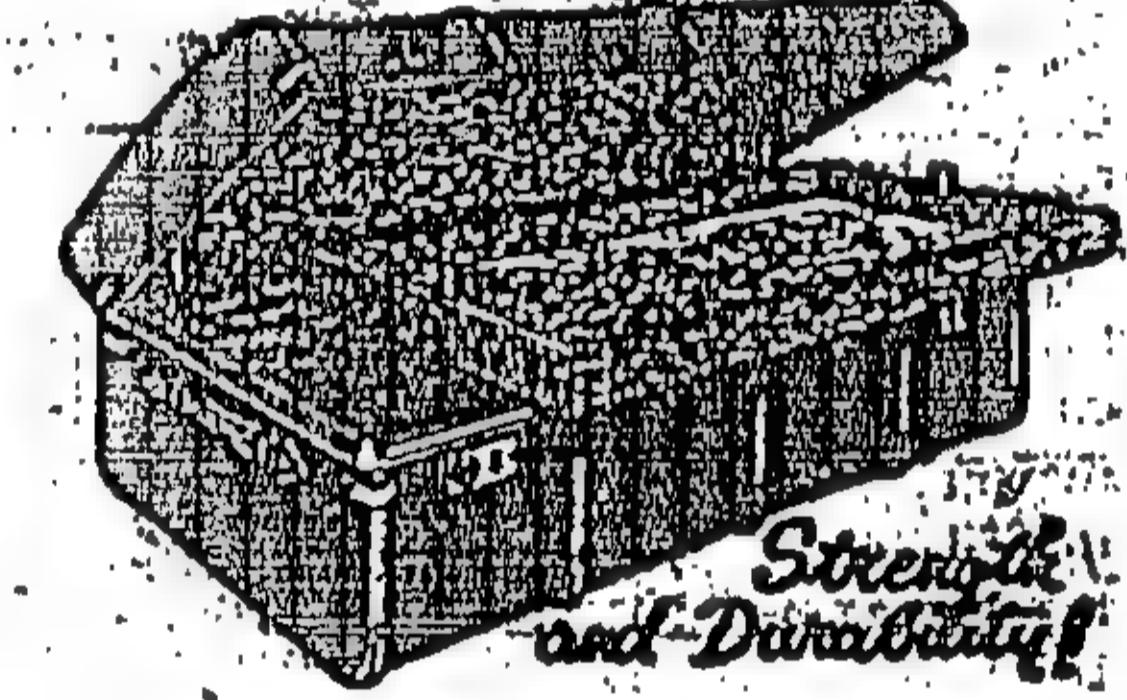
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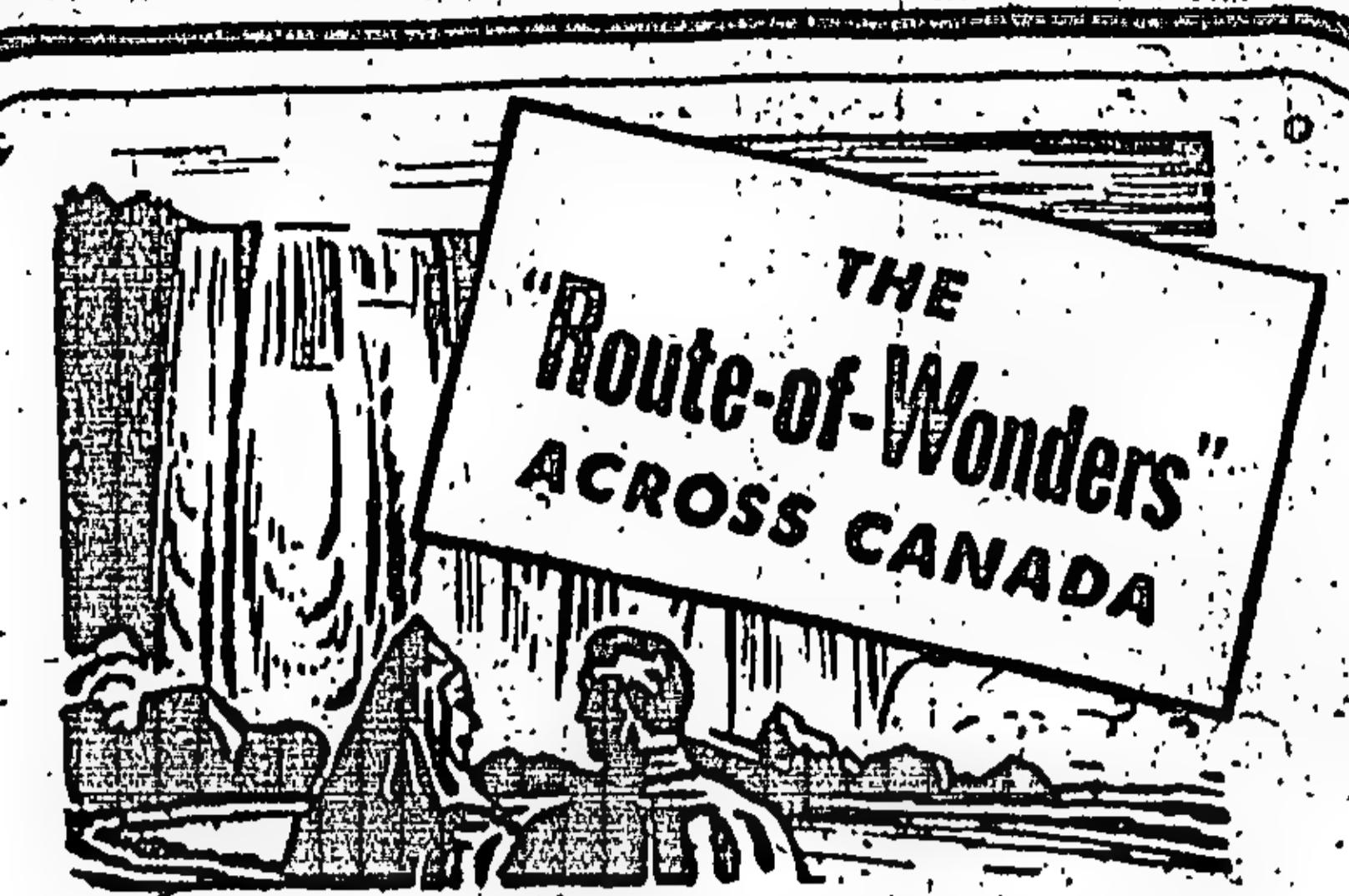
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12.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Billy Cotton and His Band.

1.03 p.m.—Sea Shanties by John Goss and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.

1.13 p.m.—New Mayfair Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuters & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Half an hour with Delius. On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring...Sir Thomas Beecham cond. the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

Serenade ('Hasson')...Beatrice Harrison ('Cello) with Piano.

Brigg Fair...London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Geoffrey Toye.

6.32 p.m.—Georges Thill (Tenor) in a French Programme.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.10 p.m.—London Relay—Quotations of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

8.03 p.m.—Compositions of Mendelssohn.

8.24 p.m.—Songs by Norman Allin (Bass).

8.35 p.m.—Lalo—Symphonie Espagnole for Violin and Orchestra, Op. 21.

Brojislav Huberman (Violin) and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Georg Szell.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—To Talk of Many Things.

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ALTHOUGH THERE WILL ONLY BE FOUR TEAMS IN "A" DIVISION, THE SUPPORT GIVEN TO "B" DIVISION ENSURES THAT THE BADMINTON LEAGUE THIS SEASON WILL BE AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS.

To start with the senior teams will be University "A" and University "B", Chinese Y.M.C.A. and Club de Recreio, but, as stipulated at the recent meeting of the Association, St. John's, who won the junior title last year, will be forced into the higher division if their form in opening "B" Division matches is deemed sufficiently good to justify such a step.

Junior Division will be constituted rather differently. Owing to the large number of teams participating, and the desirability of playing home and away matches, the division has been divided into two sections and the teams in each sub-division will then play on a self-contained League basis with home and away fixtures, and the winners of each section will meet at the end of the season to decide the divisional championship.

So far as can be ascertained, little new talent has arrived in the off-season, with the exception of a new undergraduate at the University, and for the most part the same old faces will be on view in the same old teams, although there might be a little reshuffling owing to the transfer of players, in isolated cases, from one club to another.

Choy, the new recruit at University, has already established quite a reputation for himself among badminton enthusiasts and rumour has it that he has beaten P. K. Hui, probably the most brilliant player in the Colony, Patrick Wong the champion, notwithstanding, in practice singles games.

He also created a very favourable impression when playing for University in a recent mixed-doubles friendly against Club de Recreio.

Friendlies Already Played

Little publicity has been given to the matches but several friendlies have already been played with others fixed to take place before the opening of the League, and enquiries made yesterday revealed that most of the clubs are hard at practice and looking forward eagerly to December 11, when the League is due to make a start.

As was the case last season, "A" Division, although it may reasonably be expected that a close tussle will devolve on two teams, will not be nearly as interesting as the Junior Division where talent is more evenly distributed.



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SCHMELING, PARACHUTIST, REPORTED INJURED

Max Schmeling, the German heavyweight champion, has been seriously injured while training as a parachutist, according to the Swedish newspaper, "Aftonbladet."

He is in hospital, and his wife, the film star, Anny Ondra, is nursing him, the report adds.

OLIVEIRA AND MISS M. SILVA IN FORM

Playing at Club de Recreio, the home team defeated Hong Kong University by 5 games to four in a pre-season friendly badminton match on November 15.

K. W. Choy made a promising debut for University, and Oliveira and Miss Silva played brilliantly for Recreio.

J. J. Remedios and Mrs. O. Silva (Recreio), lost to K. W. Choy and Miss

U. Khoo 19-21

lost to P. S. Bun and Miss

K. J. Hung 20-23

beat P. K. Hui and Miss

Patushinsky 21-6

M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva (Recreio), beat Choy and Miss Khoo 21-19

beat Bun and Miss Hung 21-6

beat Hui and Miss Patu-

shinsky 21-6

H. F. Goncalves and Miss M. Ribeiro (Recreio), lost to Choy and Miss Khoo 16-21

lost to Bun and Miss Hung 8-21

beat Hui and Miss Put-

shinsky 21-10

Note: Mrs. O. Silva is the former Miss Oiga Ribeiro.

Recreio Stalemate

Recreio are suffering from a stalemate. The team that will represent them, except for possibly one change, will be the team that has represented them for years. Most of these players, although still pretty clever, are now getting rather beyond the strain of League badminton, and, although it will never be wise for University and Chinese "Y" to underestimate their match-winning capabilities I cannot see them doing much better than finishing ahead of the junior University team.

Their players will probably be M. A. Oliveira, J. J. Remedios, M. A. Silva, L. A. Carvalho, H. F. Goncalves, and possibly A. M. Rodriguez. If Barros plays he will have to be considered for a place but in view of the fact that he seemed quite happy in Second Division last season I don't expect that he has acquired any aspirations to senior class during the off-season and I think we can safely assume that if he plays at all it will be in Second Division.

Wong Available

Patrick Wong will again be the mainstay of Chinese "Y" who are expected to provide the main threat to University "A".

He will be able to call on most of his old players among them being H. and F. Koh, C. Y. Yung, T. J. Ong, P. C. Lau and A. Chong. I have been told that this club, having had their appetites whetted by their close proximity to premier honours last season, have been taking things very seriously and they are confident of their ability to again force University the whole distance if they do not actually secure the title.

ARMY RUGBY

Two Rugby matches were played yesterday in the Army Small Units Rugby League.

Middlesex "B" shared six points with 8th Heavy Regiment R.A. Gunners opened the scoring through Hicks but Bayly equalised for Middlesex when he kicked a penalty goal.

The 12th Heavy Regt. R.A. were completely outplayed by Royal Army Medical Corps.

For the Medicals, Pratt was outstanding, scoring two tries in the first half. McDonald did a spectacular run from midfield for a touchdown which was converted by Morgan. Early in the second half, Morgan sent in a beautiful penalty drop kick.

At the end of the first half, the Medicals were leading by 12-0 (three tries and a penalty goal).

On resumption of play, R.A. reduced the score by a try by Edison. Morgan of Medicals took a penalty drop kick to increase his side's lead to 15-3. Dooley scored another try for Gunners but McDonald went further ahead through McDonald whose try was converted by Morgan. The final score was 20-6.

12th Heavy Regt. R.A. - McDonald, Abdey, Couch, Delderfield, Hall, Keeble, Beyan, Howarth, Bombers, Edison, Dooley, Smith, Pain, Lockett and Giddens.

R.A.M.C. - Morgan, McDonald, Coombes, Barclay, Pratt, Whybrow, Chandler, Scriven, Milne, Mohan, Wiglesworth, Furnell, van Milingen, Colling and Edge.

R.A. - Morgan, McDonald, Coombes, Barclay, Pratt, Whybrow, Chandler, Scriven, Milne, Mohan, Wiglesworth, Furnell, van Milingen, Colling and Edge.

A keenly contested hockey

match was played at Sooktunpoo

yesterday when the Royal Scots

beat the Nomads by two goals to

nil in a friendly encounter.

STERN CHALLENGE FROM KOWLOON TONG EXPECTED

By "Adrem"

JUNIOR DIVISION OF the Badminton League promises to be as thrilling as ever and although the constitution of teams has not been decided upon as yet, it is fairly certain that an even higher standard than that which prevailed last year will be established.

Chung Wah, winners in 1938-9, who struggled unsuccessfully through their fixtures in the Senior Division last year, are back in the fold and should prove a severe threat to St. John's who will be considerably weakened by the loss of two of their finest players.

St. Teresa's, who did reasonably well in their debut effort, have not again entered but most of their team will continue to play under the colours of their neighbours, Kowloon Tong.

A new team is the Police. For the benefit of those who did not see the report of the recent Association meeting, I append the new constitution of the division, which is:

Section "A" - Chung Wah, King's College, Recreio, Jewish Club, Victoria Recreation Club.

Section "B" - St. John's, Kowloon Tong, St. Andrew's, K.C.C. and Police.

The champions, St. John's, will probably find it difficult to raise a side, Eardley, who is kept busy with naval duties, is not expected to play very often, and Frank Kwok, who has ever been one of the stalwarts of the team, will be sadly missed. David Kwok is still available, however, and with Peter Wilson, Norman Smith and Dick Maynard will form the nucleus of the team.

St. Andrew's have lost Gillies, who will be called upon by the new Police team, and although Henry Kew and Eddie Fincher will give them one strong pair on which to build a team, there is little outstanding talent.

Other players are A. S. Bliss, E. H. P. White, J. Tomlinson, V. J. R. Merritt, S. A. Broadbridge and M. M. Davies, while I have also heard that there is a possibility that N. A. E. Mackay, the Kowloon Tong player, will assist them.

Chung Wah Intact

Chung Wah will be without M. S. Pooh but otherwise their team is almost intact with the possible addition of W. C. Choy, one of the most brilliant players in the Colony, on his day. Other are W. H. Choy, P. C. Leung, C. F. Chiu, S. F. Lee, S. C. Liang and possibly a younger brother of Chiu - a formidable aggregation.

King's also have little new talent, K. J. Attwell being the only new name on their list which is S. P. Chan, K. L. Lui, K. H. Lo, T. Lam and W. C. Chung. H. N. Chung, who has not played for some seasons, is also available and is practising with the idea of getting a place.

Possible Recreio players are A. E. Xavier, E. A. R. Alves, who was in Swatow last year, A. E. Noronha, P. Yvanovich, and N. A. Beltrao, while although Barros has not been in action as yet, I expect him to get into harness shortly before the League starts.

Guest For K.C.C.

K.C.C. will be somewhat strengthened by A. E. P. Guest, former St. Andrew's player, but have little new talent apart from E. Zulauf, a keen performer at Y.M.C.A. hitherto. Others will be A. L. Fisher, J. L. Anderson, P. Wynter-Blyth and H. S. Jones.

V.R.C. will again have to rely a great deal on Sirdar Rumjahn, the Colony tennis champion, and D. M. Xavier, with possible support from O. el Arculli, M. M. de V. Soares, Roy Maxwell, A. K. Rumjahn and a host of youngsters who are as keen as mustard on the game.

Jewish Club have lost Maurice Weill, who is in Shanghai, but will have much the same team as last year.

Last but not least - we hope - come the Police. J. Shepherd is in charge and assures me that his side is keen and looking forward eagerly to their League commitments. Their star player, of course, will be Bill Gillies. Colony Junior Champion, and other possible players are an Interpreter called Siu, V. Mackenzie, A. R. H. Major and K. A. Bidmead.

I expect there will be some names I have not mentioned but those I have indicate that there should be great keenness and enjoyable games and that, after all, is all a League can hope to accomplish.

The Second Division football match between the R.A.O.C. and Kowloon has been postponed at the request of the former team. The match was to be played on November 30.

RUGBY TEAMS

The Army team to meet Club in the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament on Saturday at Sooktunpoo will be as follows:

2/Lt. Clague; Pte. Macdonald,

Lt. Coombes; Capt. Douglass,

L/Brdr. Richards; Capt. Hool and

2/Lt. Wedderburn; Cpl. Sutherland;

2/Lt. Ford; 2/Lt. Pinkerton;

2/Lt. Bompas; L/Cpl. Gilham;

2/Lt. Miller; 2/Lt. Cuthbertson

and Capt. Duke.

CLUB "A" XV

The following will represent Club "A" to play at 4.45 p.m. against Navy "A" on the Club ground.

D. L. Pecorini; P. B. Wilson, G.

G. A. Aitkenhead; G. B. Godfrey, C.

F. Needham; T. O. Morgan, F. J.

B. Cleary; E. W. Stout; J. F. B.

Bufford; A. M. Kennedy; R. E.

Hearsham; B. Hynes; G. G. Moore;

A. G. Dakiel and J. Redman.

CAPACITY CROWD SEE SAINTS NARROWLY BEAT INDIANS

Gonzales Prominent; Good Pitching & Sure Fielding

EDWARDS ASSISTS BASEBALLERS TO BEAT CYCLONES 8-6

By "Grandstand"

HIGHLIGHTED BY BRILLIANT DEFENSIVE PLAY, THE SAINTS SHADED THE INDIANS BY 2-1, IN THE OPENER OF THE SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE PROGRAMME ON SUNDAY, WHICH WAS WITNESSED BY A CAPACITY CROWD IN SPITE OF THE DRIZZLE WHICH THREATENED TO HALT THE GAME.

The string of horse-collars which decorated the score-board, was only broken in the fourth when the Saints pushed across a tally. Although the Indians out-hit their opponents 10-8, Frankie "Bashful" Gonzales, fork-handed hurler of the Collegians, spaced the hits, so that despite the fact that the Indians threatened to score in every frame, good fielding nullified the effects of the hits.

In the initial chapter, the Indians put two on bases on a bobble and a hit, but Nazarin was nailed at the plate when attempting a double steal. In the second frame, with two ducks in the pond after Madeen, Arculli and Hassan had both grounded out, Sheridan "Romeo" Hamet flied out to end the rally. In the next inning, Nazarin singled, but died on third as Tarzan Ismail, A. R. Abbas and A. K. Omar flied out in order, the last being a fielding gem, as "Ozo" Ozorio picked out Omar's line drive, which had two-bagger written all over it.

Hassan Stranded

In the fourth Hassan was again left stranded on second. The Saints would have scored in the third, when Souza doubled, but he was snuffed at the counting station when he attempted to score on Ali's single.

In their half of the fourth, the Collegians drew blood, as Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard slashed an ankle-cutter, which pitcher Nazarin deflected into the stands. When the ball was retrieved, Leonard was perched safely on second, and scored standing up on Ski Powlawski's timely single to deep right.

Hussain and Gonzales flied out to end the uprising. In the sixth, Hal Winglee dumped one along first and got on base. George Souza flied out, but Henry "Showboat" Ali drew the only pass of the game. Ozorio's bunt loaded the sacks.

Winglee Scores

Bambino Dave Leonard, hitting in the clean-up slot, banged out a single for Winglee to romp home with the second marker, but Ali was nabbed at the plate when he attempted to score from second. Stan Leonard grounded to end the chapter.

In the sixth, the Indians threatened again, when Abbas singled to right and was sacrificed to third on Omar's bunt, but a neat twin-killing by Gonzales, who tagged Madeen Arculli on a bunt, and tossed to Winglee nipped the Indian threat once more. Omar scored on Oscar Arculli's single.

Frankie Gonzales toed the rubber for the Saints and walked none but was nicked for 10 scattered bingles, whilst Kassa Nazarin, who also went the route for the Indians, conceded eight safeties, of which five were bunched in the fourth and fifth to account for both of the Collegian tallies. Nine Indians died on the sacks, while only six Saints were left stranded.

Wild Beginning

The Cyclone-Hong Kong Baseballers tilt, in which the former were downed by 8-6, took on a rather wild beginning, but the game soon tightened up, both sides playing shutout ball after the third inning. The wet ground was responsible to a large degree for the loose play, but the players soon found control. Maxie Edwards, ace-moundsman for the Baseballers, fanned three but handed out four free tickets to first, whilst Marmal, hurling for, has been postponed.

SCOTS CAUSE UPSET

By "Grandstand"

In the Junior League, the Royal Scots provided the upset of the week by nosing out the more experienced Liga Portuguesa nine by 21-20, whilst the Cosmos downed the 8th. Heavy Battery in a 13-4 verdict.

The Royal Engineers, who were unable to field nine men, granted a forfeiture to the Chung Hwa squad. In the nightcap, the R.A.F. triumphed over the Central Britishers by 17 to 12, in a game featured by free-hitting on both sides, whilst keystone guardian Fittinghoff of the Britishers and Stewart, keeper of the hot-corner for the Airmen, both contributed to the high score, the former bobbling six times and the latter booting four.

Hensley, tolling on the hillock for the Airmen, was found for 12 safeties, struck out two but passed one, while Smudge Smith, hurling for the Britishers, was combed for 14 safeties.

Tomashevsky's four-bagger was the longest clout of the fray, whilst both Bittinghoff and Higgins batted safely three times in four. At the end of the fourth stanza the score was knotted at 10-all, but a flock of six R.A.F. markers in the fifth spelled doom to the Britishers, who were only able to chalk up one more in each of the fifth and sixth.

Umpire, "Doc" Molten called the game in the sixth due to falling light.

MATCH POSTPONED

The Second Division football match between the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and Kowloon Football Club, which is to be played at Kowloon on Saturday, first, whilst Marmal, hurling for, has been postponed.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

SENIOR LEAGUE

	P.	W.	L.	Pctge.
Hong Kong Baseballers	5	4	1	.800
St. Joseph's	5	4	1	.800
Chinese Baseballers	3	2	1	.667
Cyclone Softball Club	5	3	2	.600
Indian Softball Club	3	2	2	.500
Recreo "A"	4	2	2	.500
Canadian Chinese	4	0	4	.000
Filipino Club	4	0	4	.000

GIRLS' LEAGUE

	P.	W.	L.	Pctge.
Canadian Chinese	4	0	1	.000
Wildcats	4	0	1	.000
Wahoos	5	4	1	.800
Baby Panthers	5	3	2	.600
Recreo Ramblers	5	2	3	.400
Cardinals	4	1	3	.250
Chung Hwa	4	0	4	.000
Little Flowers	5	0	5	.000

GIRLS' LEAGUE

JEANNETTE YOLLE PITCHES WELL

By "Grandstand"

IN THE GIRLS' League, Wahoos, after displaying poor form for the last two weeks, staged a brilliant come-back on Sunday, by overwhelming the Baby Panthers by 11-6, in a game featured by the superb hurling of Jeannette "Blondie" Yolle, who was well backed by her team-mates, among whom, Irene Castilho, handling eight fielding chances without a fumble, was the most prominent.

Jackie Anderson did a creditable hindsnatching job, and had the Panthers hugging the sack, while only allowing three bases to be sneaked, after hair-breadth decisions.

Jeannette Yolle, on the slab, fanned four but issued free transportation to two, and yielded six blows to the Panthers, of which three were bunched in the sixth to allow as many runs. Lelia Xavier, assuming mound duties for the Panther Kittens, whiffed three, but was nicked for nine-blows, which included Jeannette's powerful circuit clout, the longest hit of the fracas.

YVONNE YOLLE SHINES

Batting honours go to first-sacker Yvonne Yolle, who was good for three safeties in her four trips, whilst Irene Castilho's two in three times included a two-bagger. The Panthers were without the service of Virginia Xavier, their regular short-stop, and Celeste Marques took over the mound. Pint-sized Thelma Marques hauled down two difficult flies, but committed two costly errors.

Lily Silva, on the mound, for the Florinhas, fanned two and passed three, whilst first-string hurler Jerry Jorge of the Rebs, whiffed two and passed one. Relief twirler Lolly Rodrigues accounted for three Florinhas via the strike-out route, but passed five.

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SHIFTING THE BLAME

Mussolini's Henchmen Condemn General Staff

Open Criticism In Italian Press

SHORT COMMONS FOR WAR PRISONERS

The Germans are providing insufficient food for British prisoners of war; further evidence to this effect was produced by Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for War, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Eden declared that in certain camps the ration scale allowed British prisoners was below that of German depot troops.

Declaring that strong representations were being made in the matter, Mr. Eden indicated that with the invaluable help of the International Red Cross, food and clothing were being transported to Germany for British prisoners.

Since last August, over 18,000 parcels addressed to British prisoners in Germany had been transmitted through the International Red Cross and in addition 149 tons of food were bought in bulk in Switzerland and sent to prisoner of war camps in Germany.

A further 170 tons had been ordered in Switzerland and was ready for despatch.—Reuter.

THE WORK OF THE Italian General Staff in the Greek campaign is now openly criticised in the Italian press, said the London "Daily Telegraph" in an editorial yesterday.

Farinacci, the Press Minister, has been directed to launch the first open criticism. He is evidently under orders to shift the blame for the failure from Mussolini's shoulders to someone else's — anyone else.

Unpreparedness and lack of foresight in general are the burden of his lament. As these failings are written large over the whole story of the four weeks war it may be assumed that the Italian people had made up their minds on the subject some time ago.

It has, at the same time, seemed good to the Fascist authorities to issue an order that when Italian war news is broadcast in public places the audience must listen standing.

Situation Perilous

This, according to one account, is because of the disrespectful attitude shown by listeners when these gems of attempted face-saving are given out by radio.

The situation is already disastrous for the Fascist regime and it is vital for Mussolini that it should be retrieved, and if this should be attempted with German help, of which there is still no sign, the moral situation would for Mussolini be little if at all improved. — Reuter.

AIR CHIEF FLIES OVER GREECE

Air Chief Marshal Longmore, Commander-in-Chief of the British Air Forces in the Middle East, has personally flown over many miles of Greek territory during a tour of inspection of the various units operating there.

This was revealed when he returned to Cairo yesterday.

At meetings with King George of Greece, General Metaxas and General Pageos, Air Chief Marshal Longmore was thanked personally for the R.A.F.'s prompt assistance to Greece during her hour of need.

The tour of inspection gave Air Chief Marshal Longmore a very favourable impression of the efficiency of all personnel in adapting themselves to the changed conditions in which they were called on to operate at very short notice.

Between the Egyptian Desert and the Albanian and Greek mountains there was a great difference, and R.A.F. pilots welcome the changed flying conditions which add zest to their new work of harassing the retreating Italians and bombing fresh bases.

"We became slightly bored with such places as Benghazi and Tobruk, where we came to know practically every building," said some of the pilots. "We are glad to have a change in targets." — Reuter.

BRITISH AID TO ABYSSINIANS

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS ANXIOUS TO SEE ABYSSINIA LIBERATED FROM HER ITALIAN SUPPRESSORS, SAID THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS YESTERDAY.

The British Government, he said, has no territorial ambitions in Abyssinia, which it wishes to see free and independent.

Britain is, therefore, giving every assistance possible to those Abyssinians who have taken up arms against the common enemy. — Reuter.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Marriage between Gloria, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo D'Almada e Castro, and Alfonso, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Barreto, will take place at St. Teresa's Church, Kowloon, on Wednesday, December 4th, 1940, at 10.30 a.m. No invitations are being sent. All friends are welcome at the ceremony and afterwards to the reception at 284, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.

STOP PRESS

A meeting of the Evacuation Representative Committee was held at the Peninsula Hotel last evening and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. C. Clemo, issued the following statement after the Meeting:

The Petition has been constitutionally drawn up and placed in the hands of local Government and transmitted in full by cable to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Copies will be circulated in due course to all those who have registered their names.

An Emergency Committee Meeting will be held immediately a reply is received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

A number have not yet registered and they should do so as soon as possible. Forms can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, K.P.O. Box No. 1828.

Financial aspects of the Evacuation will be thoroughly investigated at the next Meeting to be held at 5.15 p.m. on the 10th December. It has been considered necessary in view of the many items under this heading to confine the meeting only to this subject."

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BULGARIA DECLINES THE AXIS 'INVITATION'

JOHNSON ACT ATTITUDE

An impression that no action would be taken in this session of Congress towards modification of the Johnson Act, which demands financial assistance to Great Britain, was given in Washington yesterday by Senator George, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in a talk to reporters.

Senator George said the Committee would to-day consider Senator King's resolution to modify the Johnson Act and Senator Nye's proposal for an investigation into British holdings of securities in the United States.

Senator George indicated, however, that both subjects might be left to sub-committees. Immediate legislation for giving financial assistance to Britain was described by Senator George as "impractical and somewhat premature." — Reuter.

DAYLIGHT RAIDERS DRIVEN OFF

Once again Britain's coastal defences proved too good for daylight raiders for most of the few enemy aircraft crossing the south and south-east coasts yesterday were promptly shot down.

Two bombers and two fighters have been destroyed, says an Air Ministry communiqué, the R.A.F. suffering no losses in combat.

The communiqué adds that a bomb dropped in a coast town in Sussex did some damage to buildings and caused a few slight casualties. — Reuter.

ITALIANS ARRESTED IN THE CONGO

The Governor-General of Belgian Congo announced in Elisabethville yesterday that Belgium now considers herself at war with Italy.

All Italians regarded as suspects have been arrested in Leopoldville and Elisabethville. — Reuter.

JAPANESE VIOLATION OF BORDER

It is officially confirmed that Japanese aircraft flew over British territory near the border yesterday afternoon, being observed in the region of Kwanti Racecourse.

Having It Both Ways

The German press is making much of General Metaxas' statement on Friday when he said: "We are fighting not only for our country but also for the other Balkan States and for the liberation of Albania."

Calling this speech dangerous, the semi-official organ of the German Foreign Office, "Diplomatische Politische Korrespondenz," wrote: "General Metaxas thereby openly confesses himself to be the tool of British policy for extending the war."

But in authoritative circles in Berlin it is still maintained that German relations with Greece are unchanged. — Reuter.

NO CHRISTMAS ARMISTICE

The British Government would reject any proposal for a Christmas Armistice.

This was made clear in the House of Commons yesterday when the Prime Minister gave a reply to a question whether he would invoke the good offices of the Vatican or some neutral State in furthering the proposal for a 48-hour cessation of hostilities during Christmas.

Asked if in the event of such a proposal being received through some neutral State it would receive consideration Mr. Churchill said it would certainly be rejected by the Government. — Reuter.

Nazi Diplomacy Sharply Rebuffed

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

MESSAGES FROM BERLIN AND ROME INDICATE THAT THE AXIS IS LOSING CONFIDENCE THAT BULGARIA WILL WELCOME THE "NEW ORDER" AND SUBSCRIBE UNHESITATINGLY TO NAZI LEADERSHIP BY SIGNING THE TRI-PARTITE PACT.

For the present the Axis partners will have to be satisfied with the accession of Hungary, Rumania and Slovakia.

So far as the practical, visible results are concerned the visits of M. Molotov (Soviet Foreign Commissar) and Senor Suner (Spanish Foreign Minister) to Berlin might never have been made. In fact German propaganda organs have ceased talking about them.

Nor is there any indication of an intensification of Russo-German trade relations, such as the large body of experts in the train of M. Molotov would seem to have portended.

Bulgaria would seem to have been influenced in her attitude by the fate of Rumania, on the one hand, and the example of Greece, on the other.

The Greek action in inflicting upon Italy the heaviest blow the Axis has yet sustained was a particularly timely factor.

Turkey's Stand

Added to these facts is the knowledge that Turkey, the powerful south-eastern neighbour, had assumed a standpoint that was calculated to discourage any spirit of adventure, even if such were in the Bulgarian Government's mind. But there has been nothing to justify any belief that there was and in these circumstances, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs was able to give Bulgaria the assistance of British goodwill.

Berlin Quiet

Bulgaria is to remain outside the Axis-Japan Pact despite the preparations that had been made for her reception, said the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss newspaper "Basler Nachrichten" yesterday.

No reason for the change in plan is given in official German circles nor is the cancellation of the Bulgarian Minister's visit to Berlin commented upon.

But the Wilhelmstrasse significantly states that the adherence of Slovakia "has closed the first round of admissions."

Moscow Not So Quiet

The Axis announcement that no visits of Bulgarian statesmen to Berlin are expected at present, was given great prominence over the Soviet radio and in the press yesterday.

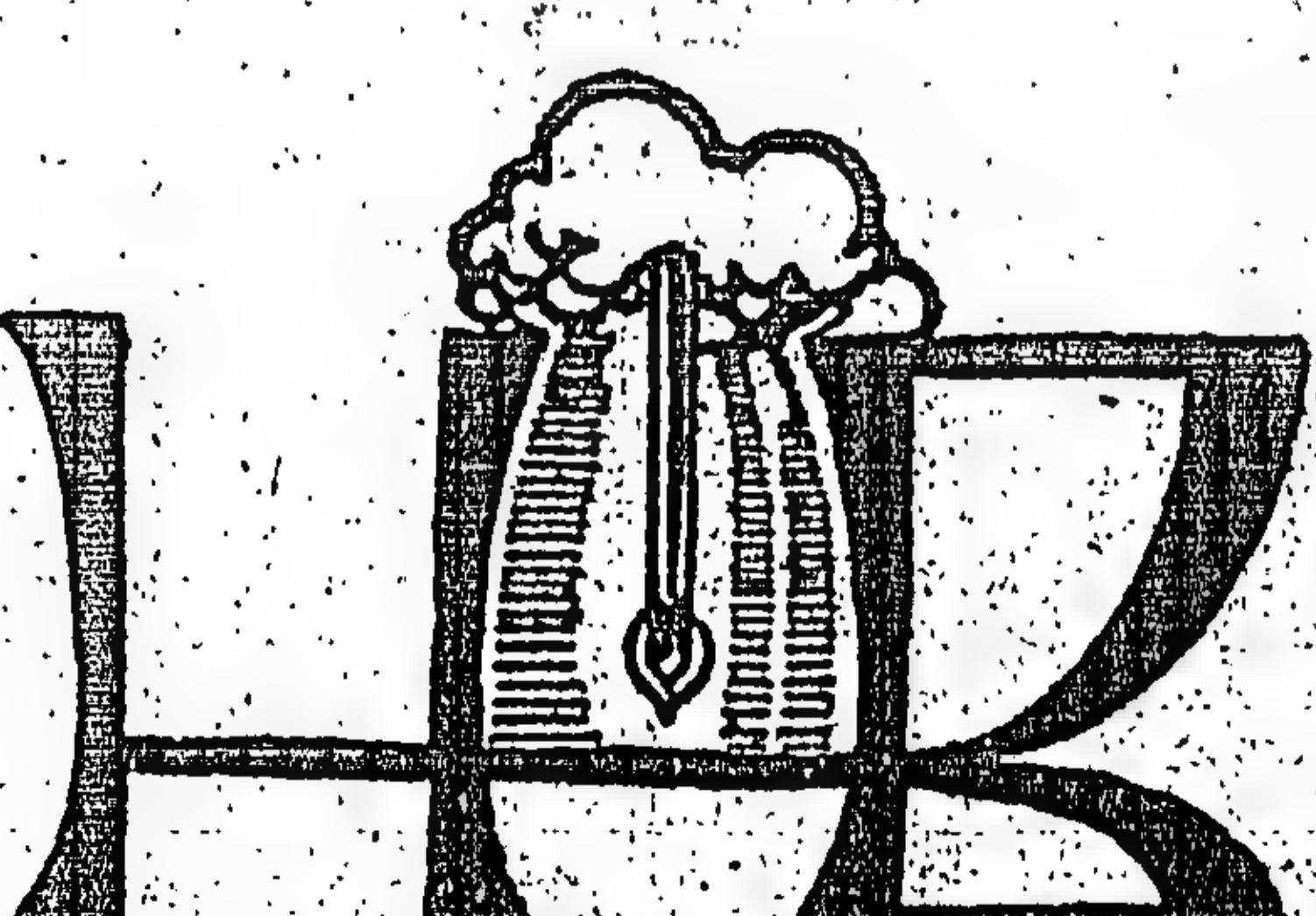
National City Decision

Only the Hankow branch of the National City Bank of New York will close next month, it was learned in Shanghai to-day.

Because of abnormal trade conditions it has been decided to consolidate the operations of the Hankow office of the Bank with the Shanghai office.

The Hankow office is closing on December 12. After that date all accounts still remaining will be transferred and all communications in this connection should be addressed to the Shanghai office. — Reuter.

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German Effort To Persuade Chiang Kai-shek To Peace

Washington Comment On Far East

THE FAR EAST shared honours with the European war in the American press yesterday, with considerable interest attached in Washington to reports from Shanghai of Axis pressure being applied on Chungking in an endeavour to persuade General Chiang Kai-shek to seek peace with Japan.

It is not expected they will be successful, however, for all indications in Washington are that China intends to continue the struggle against the Far Eastern representative of the Axis.

BRITISH POLICY IN BALKANS

Britain's attitude towards Bulgaria during the present Balkan tension was the subject of a statement in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who spoke on behalf of Lord Halifax.

The British Government, he said, welcomed the opportunity to state that if Bulgaria does not join or assist, either actively or passively, our enemies or attack our allies, the British Government intends to do its best to ensure that in any eventual peace settlement in which Britain participates, the integrity and independence of Bulgaria will be respected.

In this connection, it will be recalled that when Bulgaria got Southern Dobruja from Rumania by peaceful negotiation, the British Government expressed the view that the Bulgarian claim was well founded.

It is understood that Mr. Butler's reference to Bulgaria's "integrity and independence" refers to this. — Reuter.

Indeed, the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Hu Shih, and Mr. T. V. Soong interviewed the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, yesterday, and while details of their talks have not been disclosed, there is reason to believe China's representatives laid down the help desired to enable China to carry on the struggle against Japan.

Reports that China has asked for a loan totalling \$200,000,000 are unconfirmed, but it would not be surprising if at least \$50,000,000 are provided.

Some observers expect Japanese recognition of Wang Ching-wei's regime would accelerate the announcement of further help for China.

Admiral Nomura's Interview

Also creating much interest in Washington was the interview given by Admiral Nomura in Tokyo on his appointment as Ambassador to the United States, but official comment on the interview remains non-committal.

At his press conference yesterday Mr. Cordell Hull refused to be drawn into direct comment on Admiral Nomura's statements, confining himself to the remark that everyone knows the American position is that international relations should be based on law — a statement which some observers take as a reminder that the United States does not consider Japan's foreign policy has always conformed with this prescription.

Best Qualified

There is a general feeling in Washington that Admiral Nomura is probably the best qualified envoy Japan could send to Washington but there will be much interest to see how the Ambassador can reconcile Japan's policy in China, for instance, with his statement that all Oriental nations must continue free and unrestricted intercourse with other countries.

The feeling remains in Washington that Japan's actions have been speaking infinitely louder than her words.

Sitting On Lid

The influential "Washington Post" takes the opportunity of Prince Salomji's passing to say that he spent his days "sitting on the lid of ebullient Nippon" and when he saw the modern Japan he helped build going back to feudalism "there was nothing to do but die."

The New York "Herald-Tribune" says the death of Prince Salomji would have been a heavy loss to Japan if she latterly had been in a mood to avail herself of his vast experience and mellow wisdom.

The thought is inescapable, it adds, that having been kept alive for a great age by the will to serve the nation he helped build,



With the typical cheery spirit of the Britisher, people who have been rendered homeless by Hitler's wild bombing raids, soon find shelter and many helping hands are ready to attend to their comfort. Photo shows Rover Scouts shepherding people to new homes at a clearing station in North London. (Copyright, Fox).

DR. HU HSIN DECLINES TO COMMENT

Following one of his infrequent interviews with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, the Chinese Ambassador in Washington, Dr. Hu Shih, told newspapermen yesterday he hoped for further United States aid to China.

Accompanying Dr. Hu Shih was Mr. T. V. Soong, who has been in Washington several months on financial negotiations.

They declined to discuss the possibility of an additional United States Government loan except to say they constantly hoped for increasing aid.

Dr. Hu Shih, meanwhile, revealed that a Chinese air mission under Brigadier-General Mao Pang-tso is in the United States studying aeronautical development with a view to co-ordinating Chinese purchases in the United States. — Reuter.

HOME FOOD PRODUCTION

THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED THAT THERE MUST BE A FURTHER INCREASE IN THE HOME PRODUCTION OF FOOD, IN ORDER TO SAVE VALUABLE SHIPPING SPACE.

The Minister of Agriculture told the House of Commons yesterday that it has been decided that the present system of fixed prices and an assured market will be maintained for the duration of the war, and for least one year afterwards.

The Government, he said, recognises the importance of maintaining a healthy and well-balanced agricultural programme after the war. — Reuter.

the knowledge that he was no longer permitted to serve by the headstrong men who have ditched Japan's wagon to Hitler's flaming comet broke the old sage's will to live. — Reuter.

CURIOUS FEATURES OF THE RAID ON COVENTRY

TWO CURIOUS FEATURES of the raid last week on Coventry were mentioned by Air Marshal Sir Phillip Joubert in a broadcast yesterday.

One was that the number of German bombers used was less than we should have expected, that is, if our figures for Germany's first-line strength in the air are correct.

The other is that, despite the ideal conditions for bombing, aiming was not very accurate.

In fact, it was the residential part which suffered, just as though the bombs were aimed at the centre of the city.

The not result of the raids on Coventry and other cities was that the German air force, even in perfect weather, failed to produce decisive results.

In bad weather, it has been completely useless.

Talking about Italian attempts to help the Germans in the raids of Britain, Sir Phillip said:

"It is as if some amateur pugilist attempted to intervene in a fight between two first-class professionals."

An American correspondent says that the German offensive in the Midlands has hurt but not crippled the thousand-and-one war processes making up the modern war machine.

Of the damage caused in raids on Coventry, Birmingham and Bristol, he said that it was "severe" but not critical. — Reuter.

EAST AFRICA'S LOAN TO BRITAIN

The entire proceeds of the first East African War Loan which will be floated on December 17 will be re-lent to the Imperial Government.

This was announced by the Governor in Nairobi yesterday when he opened the budget session of the Legislature. — Reuter.

BERLIN PROTESTING TOO MUCH?

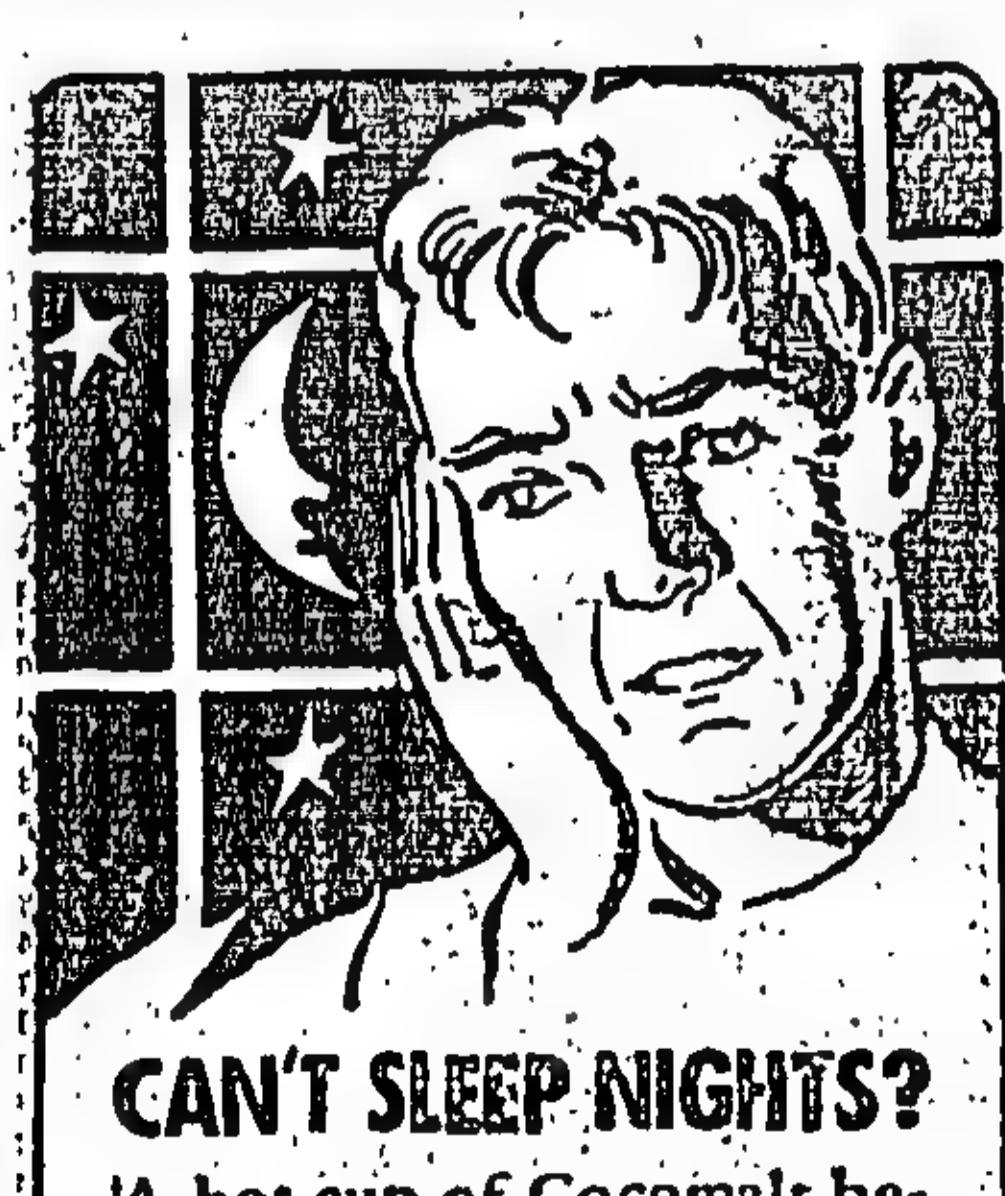
The Germans, without any particular reason that can be observed outside Berlin, yesterday protested rather loudly that Der Fuehrer is not planning any "peace offensive."

The German news agency was brought in to deny reports said to be current in the United States of German plans for a compromise peace.

The German news agency says that "these reports are entirely without foundation."

If German thoughts are turning towards the possibility of calling off the war, there is no such thought in Britain.

Mr. Churchill made this clear when he told the House of Commons yesterday that the British Government will not consent even to the possibility of a Christmas truce. — Reuter.



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HARASSING ITALIAN RETREAT

R.A.F. Add Confusion To Transport Columns

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R.A.F. AIRCRAFT CONTINUED TO ASSIST THE GREEK ADVANCE IN ALBANIA BY HARASSING THE RETREATING ITALIANS, STATED AN R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

Three large motor transport vehicles were set on fire and many others damaged and overturned by the roadside while many mules were killed.

Casualties among infantry are believed to have been heavy; whole columns were thrown into panic and confusion.

Other convoys were attacked, bombs falling on motor transport and pack mules.

At Argyrocastron stores were bombed and damaged.

Reconnaissances were carried out over Sicily, Taranto and Barletta.

Assab Fires

In Italian East Africa, attacks were made on a large motor transport yard near Assab. A large fire was started the smoke of which was visible 50 miles away. This was close to a fire started the previous day.

Photographs taken confirm the extent of the damage. Our aircraft returned safely from all operations.

Two enemy air raids on Malta on Sunday and Monday resulted in one Italian fighter being damaged by A.A. fire on Sunday. Enemy aircraft on Monday made off before they could be intercepted.—Reuter.

SHIPPING LOSSES PROBLEM

APPEALING TO FARMERS FOR INCREASED PRODUCTION OF VENAL FOODSTUFFS, MR. R. S. HUDSON, MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, IN A BROADCAST LAST NIGHT SAID THE EFFORT BRITAIN MUST NOW MAKE TO COVER SHIPPING LOSSES WAS GREATER THAN HAD BEEN CONTEMPLATED IN MAY OR AUGUST. "BUT IT CAN BE DONE."

Mr. Hudson said that when ships were lost by enemy action Britain lost not only the cargoes they were carrying, but the cargoes they would have carried on future voyages.

In addition every ship taken to support the war effort in the Mediterranean and Middle East meant one ship less to carry food and feeding-stuffs.

"We have to think not only of the situation to-day but what might we be this time next year," he declared.—Reuter.

REPAIRING AIR RAID DAMAGE

MR. EDEN SAID YESTERDAY THAT TO HELP IN REPAIRING AIR RAID DAMAGE, THE ARMY IS RELEASING 3,000 BUILDING OPERATORS AT THE REQUEST OF THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND BUILDINGS.

Lord Woolton, the Minister of Food, said earlier that there is now an organisation ready in every town to feed the population in the event of heavy air raid damage.

There will be a slight shortage of milk, he said, largely due to climatic conditions, but it will not last long and it is not worthwhile bringing in any rationing scheme.—Reuter.

ATTEMPT TO SEND REINFORCEMENTS BROKEN UP

STRONG ITALIAN attempts to send reinforcements to Podgradetz, north of Koritza, have been broken up by the R.A.F., enabling the Greeks to capture the town and to push on towards the coast.

Other Greek forces in northern Albania have been thrusting to the west of Koritza, a reconnaissance party travelling over 30 miles westwards without finding any Italian troops.

At Moshkopolis, the colours of three Italian battalions were taken.

The Greek advance towards Argyrocastron has met with some opposition from Italian reinforcements.

Greek forces on the coast have advanced further and others have been landed, probably from ships, off Corfu. They are behind the Italian front lines in this sector and have cut the lines of communication.

The Italians are sending as many reinforcements as possible and have probably despatched about two divisions since the fighting began.

In one place, the Greeks captured a Commanding Officer and his staff, two company commanders and the whole of the equipment of the Italians, which rather suggests that the morale of this unit was not very high.

Confirmation has been received of Greek reports that the Italians have wantonly burned villages behind them and have shot some civilians and taken others off as hostages.

Although the Italian air bases have been rendered ineffective by the R.A.F., the Italians have lost none of their skill in the slaughtering of civilians.

Several Greek towns and villages have suffered from Fascist air attacks. Although a number of civilian casualties are reported, there is little material damage.—Reuter.

CHINESE SEAMEN'S WAGES

MR. VERNON BARTLETT ASKED THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY WHETHER A DANGER BONUS HAD NOW BEEN GRANTED TO CHINESE SEAMEN AND IF SO HOW THE AMOUNT COMPARES WITH THE BONUS GRANTED TO BRITISH SEAMEN.

Mr. Ronald Cross, the Minister,

GERMAN CHANGE OF TUNE

The firm attitude adopted by Bulgaria and Turkey, coupled with reactions to the Italian retreat, has brought changes in German tactics in the Balkans.

Since Turkey met Nazi Ambassador von Papen's threats by increasing her defence measures, the Germans have calmed down, and the German radio said yesterday that the political tension there has been eased by the conversation between the Turkish Foreign Minister and von Papen.—Reuter.



The first of the Ministry of Food communal feeding centres in the South London area which has recently been opened, has proved popular among the homeless who have nowhere to go. This picture was taken during a visit to the centre, where a good meal can be obtained for sixpence a head. Photo shows young callers leaving with hot meals — at sixpence a head. (Copyright, Fox).

NO CHANGE IN ULSTER POLICY

Continuity in Ulster's foreign policy was emphasised by the new

Prime Minister, Mr. J. M. Andrews, in the Ulster House of Commons yesterday when he paid a tribute to the late Lord Craigavon.

Lord Craigavon's greatness, said Mr. Andrews, was never revealed more clearly than in the last two years when he assured the Imperial Government of Ulster's support whatever might happen, thus rightly interpreting the mind of the Ulster people.

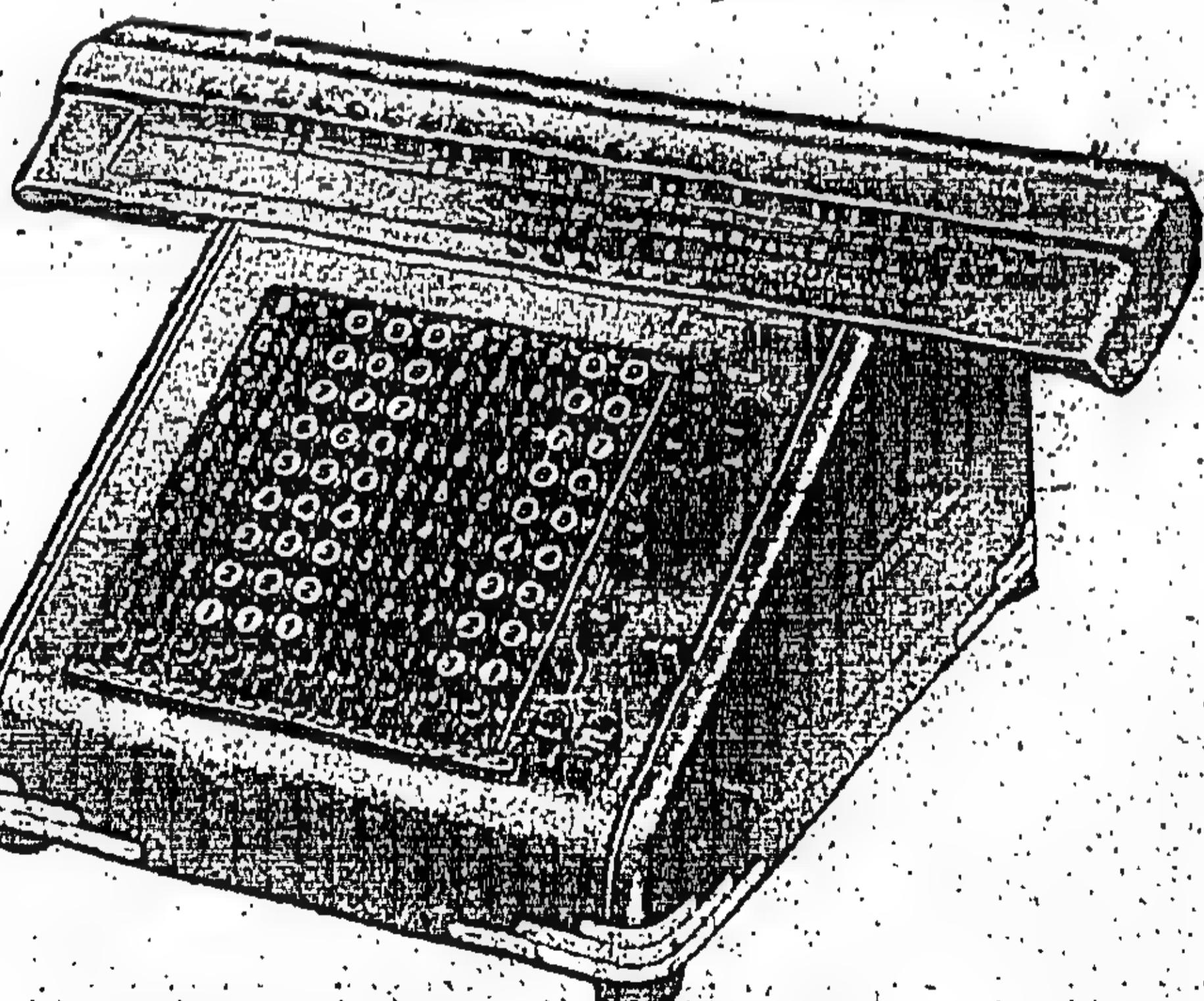
Less than a month ago Lord Craigavon said in the House: "Northern Ireland, please God, under the old flag and under the King and Constitution, will carry on."

Mr. Andrews added: "I make those words my own. Northern Ireland will carry on and within the British Empire Ulster will play its part in the post-war world."—Reuter.

replied, said that while a bonus in name was usually paid to Chinese, the percentage increase in Chinese seamen's wages since the outbreak of war was a good deal higher than the percentage increase in British seamen's wages.—Reuter.

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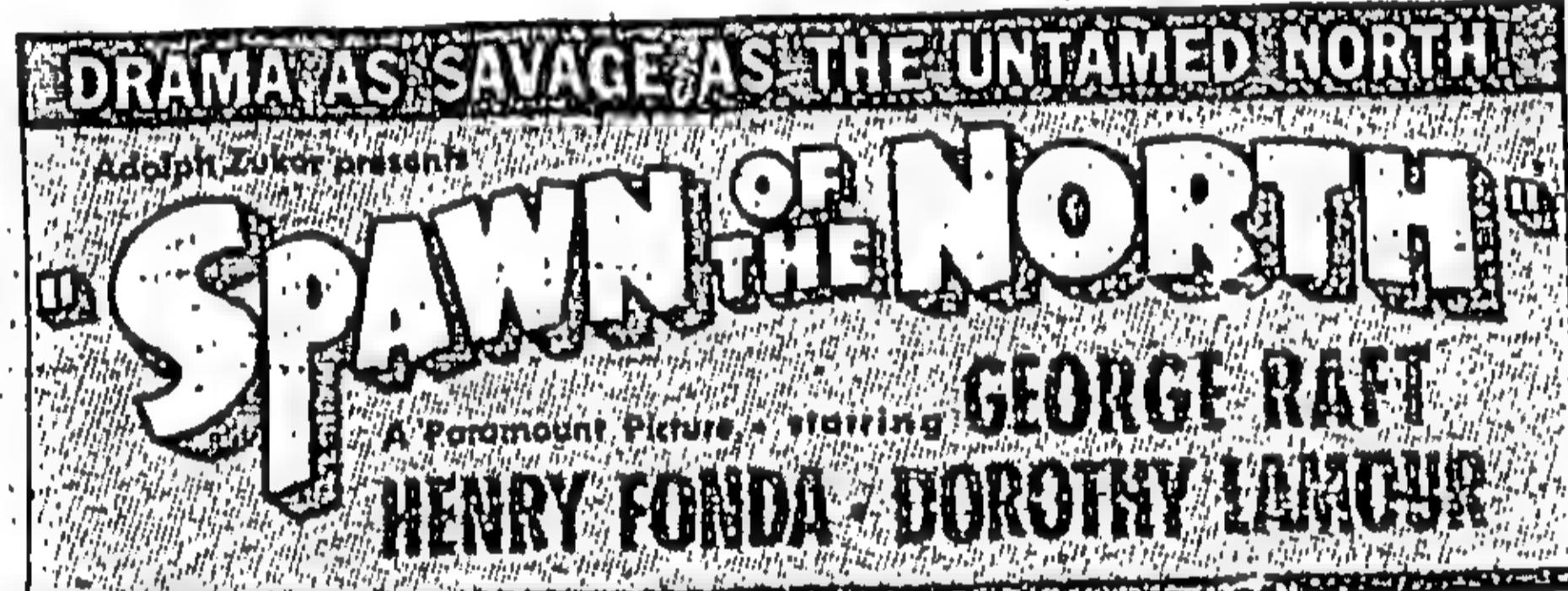
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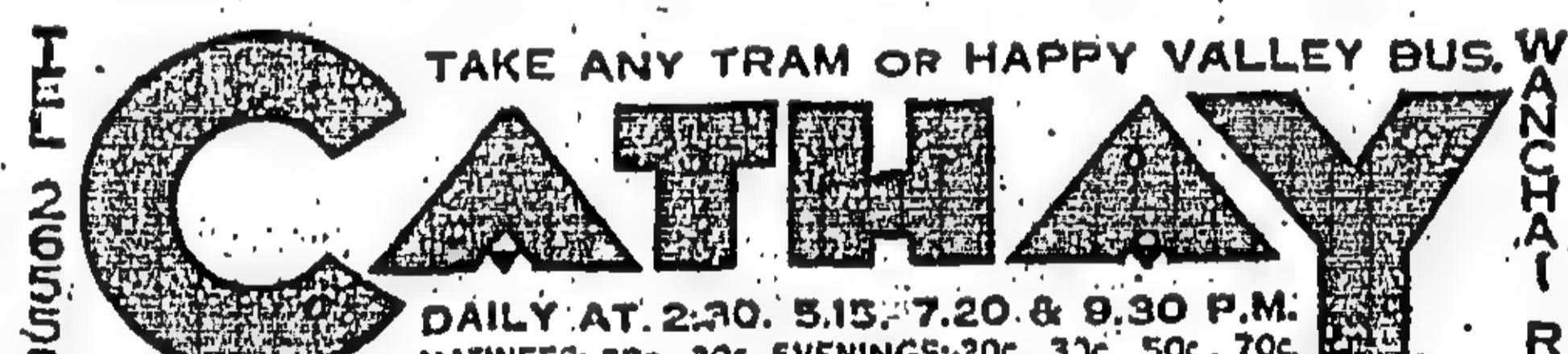
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DEATH OF LORD ROTHERMERE

NEWS WAS RECEIVED in London last night of the death in Bermuda at the age of 72 of Lord Rothermere, the well-known newspaper magnate and financier.

Lord Rothermere went to America in May on a special mission at the request of Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production.

His health began to fail and he received treatment in a New York clinic. Later he went to Bermuda to recuperate but here had a relapse. — Reuter.

Lord Rothermere was born Harold Sidney Harmsworth and was the son of a barrister in London. He was a younger brother of the late Lord Northcliffe, who founded modern journalism.

Lord Rothermere owned the "Daily Mail," "Daily Mirror," "Evening News," "Sunday Dispatch" and many provincial journals.

In the last war he was Director-General of the Army Clothing Department from 1916-17 and first Secretary of State for Air, from 1917-18.

He was created a Baronet in 1910 and was given a Barony in 1914. In 1917 he was made a Privy Councillor and two years later was raised to the Viscountcy.

AMERICA'S REPRESENTATIVE IN ROME

Mr. Alexander Kirk has been appointed United States Charge d'Affaires in Rome with Ministerial rank.

Mr. Kirk until recently was Charge d'Affaires in Berlin.

He has already left for Lisbon by air en route to the Italian capital. — Reuter.

PATROLS ACTIVE IN GALLABAT ZONE

In the area east of Gallabat and north-east of Kassala in the Sudan "our patrols were again active," said a communiqué issued from G.H.Q. in Cairo yesterday.

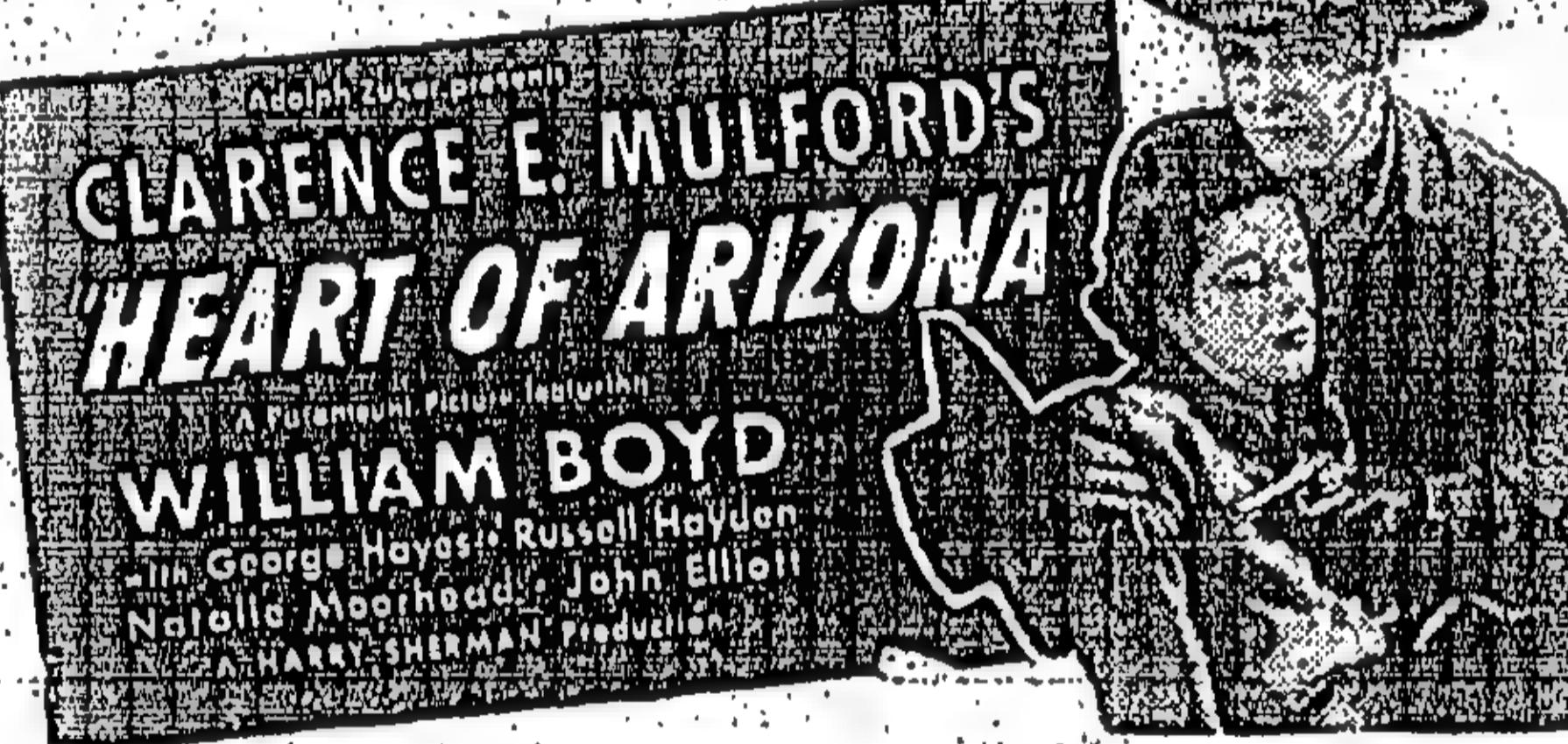
The communiqué added that on other fronts there was nothing to report. — Reuter.

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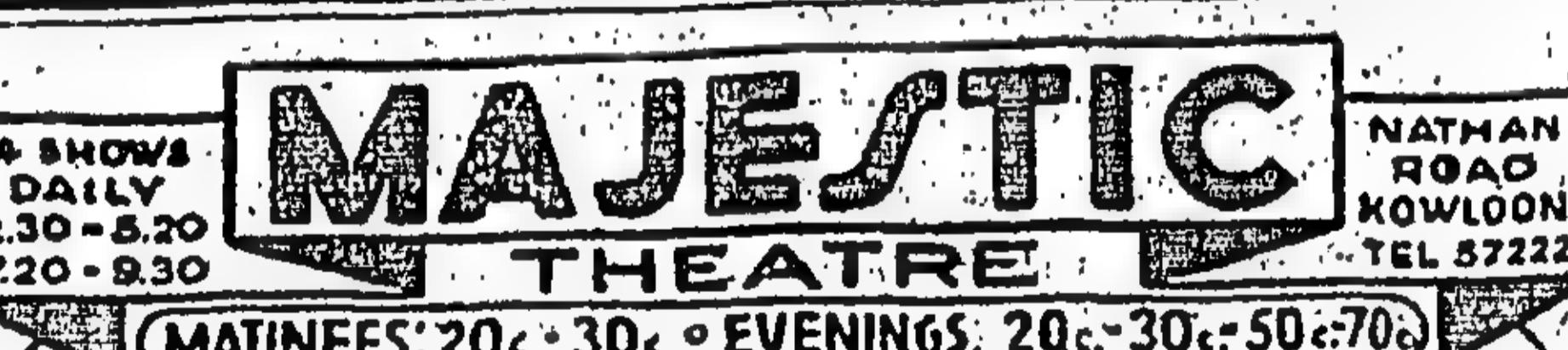
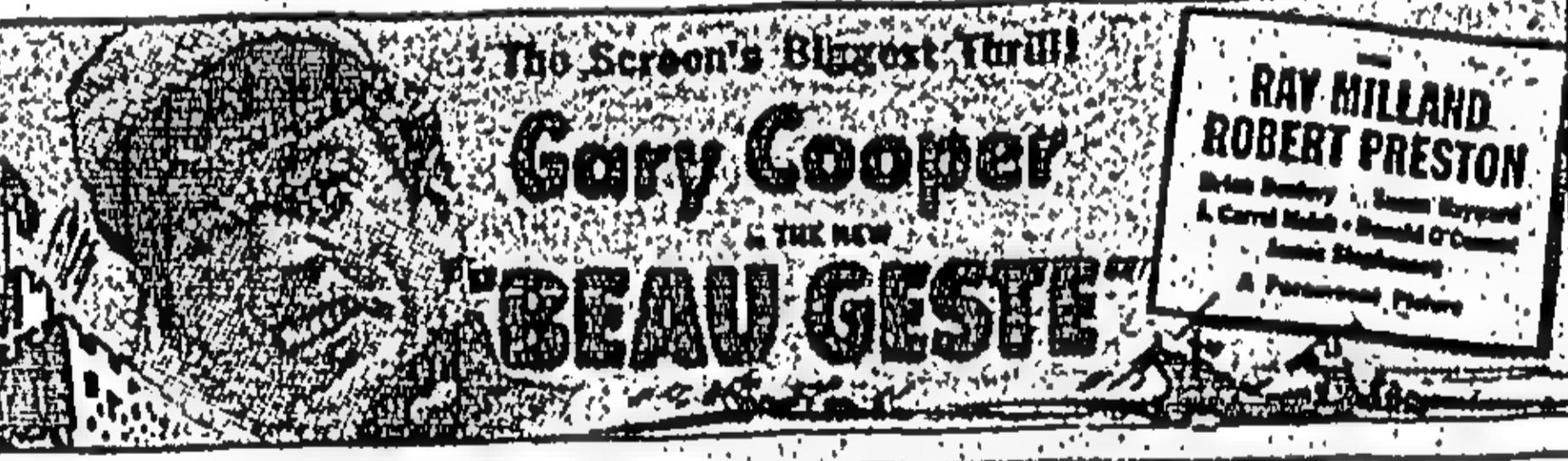
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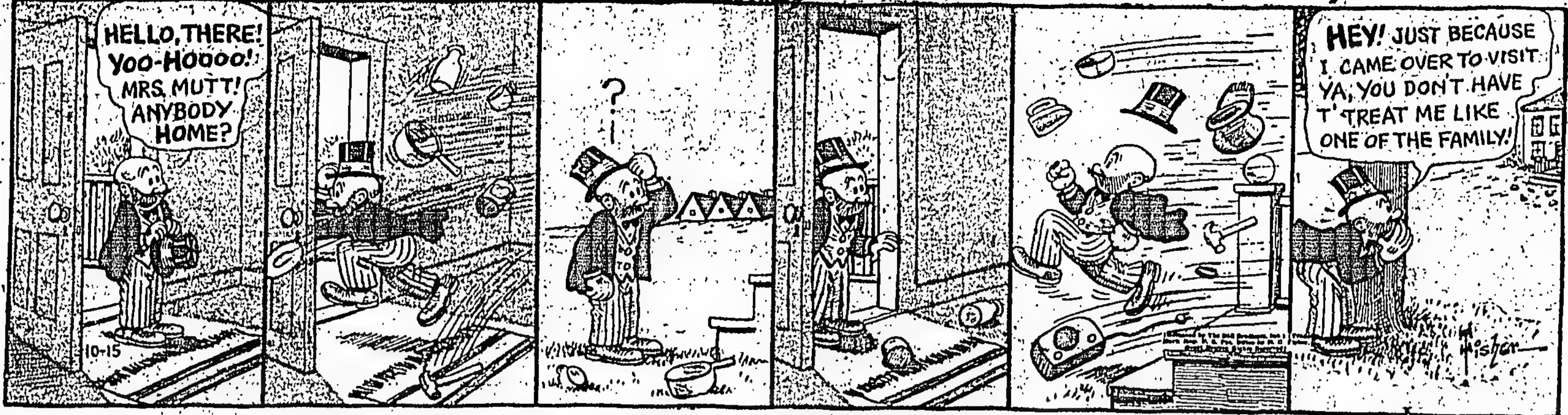
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DEATH OF MR. W. J. ALLEN

WE HAVE TO RECORD THE DEATH OF AN OLD AND RESPECTED RESIDENT OF HONG KONG, MR. WILLIAM JULIUS ALLEN, WHICH OCCURRED AT THE FRENCH HOSPITAL, CAUSEWAY BAY, SHORTLY AFTER 1 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING.

The late Mr. Allen was born at Trinidad in 1874, and arrived in Hong Kong with his parents shortly after, when they made their home in the Colony.

In April, 1892, Mr. Allen joined the Eastern Extension and Australasian Telegraph Company, retiring on pension in July, 1930.

Popularly known to a wide circle of friends as "Bill," Mr. Allen was a keen sportsman, and in his youth, participated in many games.

He was one of the oldest members of the Craigengower Cricket Club, and served on the Committee for many years.

Mr. Allen leaves a widow and a daughter to mourn his loss, besides several nephews and nieces, among whom are Mr. Charles A. Allen, Mr. N. B. White, Mr. George White, of the Floating Staff of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., Mrs. E. Basto and Mrs. L. C. R. Souza.

CANADIAN LIMIT ON COPPER EXPORT HITS JAPAN

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT action in limiting copper exports comes as no surprise to copper interests in Vancouver Province who have been providing Japan with roughly half of their copper output yearly.

Although Ottawa recently refused an outright embargo on metals exports to Japan, the signing of the Tokyo-Berlin-Rome pact aligning Japan openly with countries at war with Canada was expected to bring new action. Previously Japan had guaranteed that Canadian copper would not be transshipped to Germany or Italy.

Previous reluctance to instigate a copper embargo has arisen for a number of reasons.

A Profitable Market

British Columbia mines sent their copper to Japan because Japan was the only profitable market, even though the mine operators would have been glad to choose almost any other outlet. The British Government, which is the principal customer for

The funeral will take place this afternoon, passing the Monument at 5 o'clock.

copper from eastern Canada and elsewhere in the Empire, has until now been unable to pay the price sufficient to make British Columbia copper mining profitable. British Columbia mines sold to Japan on a long-term contract and were paid in United States funds. Thus they benefited by the acquisition of valuable foreign exchange and by the maintenance of a pay roll distributed among several thousand families. Furthermore it was believed that with the Japanese market eliminated the British Columbia low-grade copper mines would be unable to find a profitable customer anywhere else. It is unlikely that they could find a United States market owing to the high tariff on American imports.

Parallel Action Needed

Another argument was that it would be useless for Canada to ban shipments of copper to Japan if the United States continues to sell there. If the United States effected a similar embargo the situation would be different, although Japan might still be able to get copper from America.

Shipments of scrap iron are virtually prohibited now, and the same applies to nickel, although some lead and zinc goes through. In view of Tokyo's present increased anti-British attitude it would not surprise anyone, even the copper producers, if Canada were to clamp down tightly on continued shipments of all metals to Japan.

A similar ban might also be applied to raw log shipments from British Columbia to Japan. This has been the source of annoyance to those who would like to see Canada retain the profits of lumber and pulp manufacture rather than let the raw materials go across the Pacific for the benefit of Oriental mill operators. However, under the present setup, nothing can be done to restrict these shipments as the logs come from crown grant timber. Only Ottawa could apply needed pressure there; the provincial authorities are helpless.

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Trade Union leaders met the King and Queen yesterday when 27 mobile canteens were presented to the Y.M.C.A. at Buckingham Palace. — Reuter.

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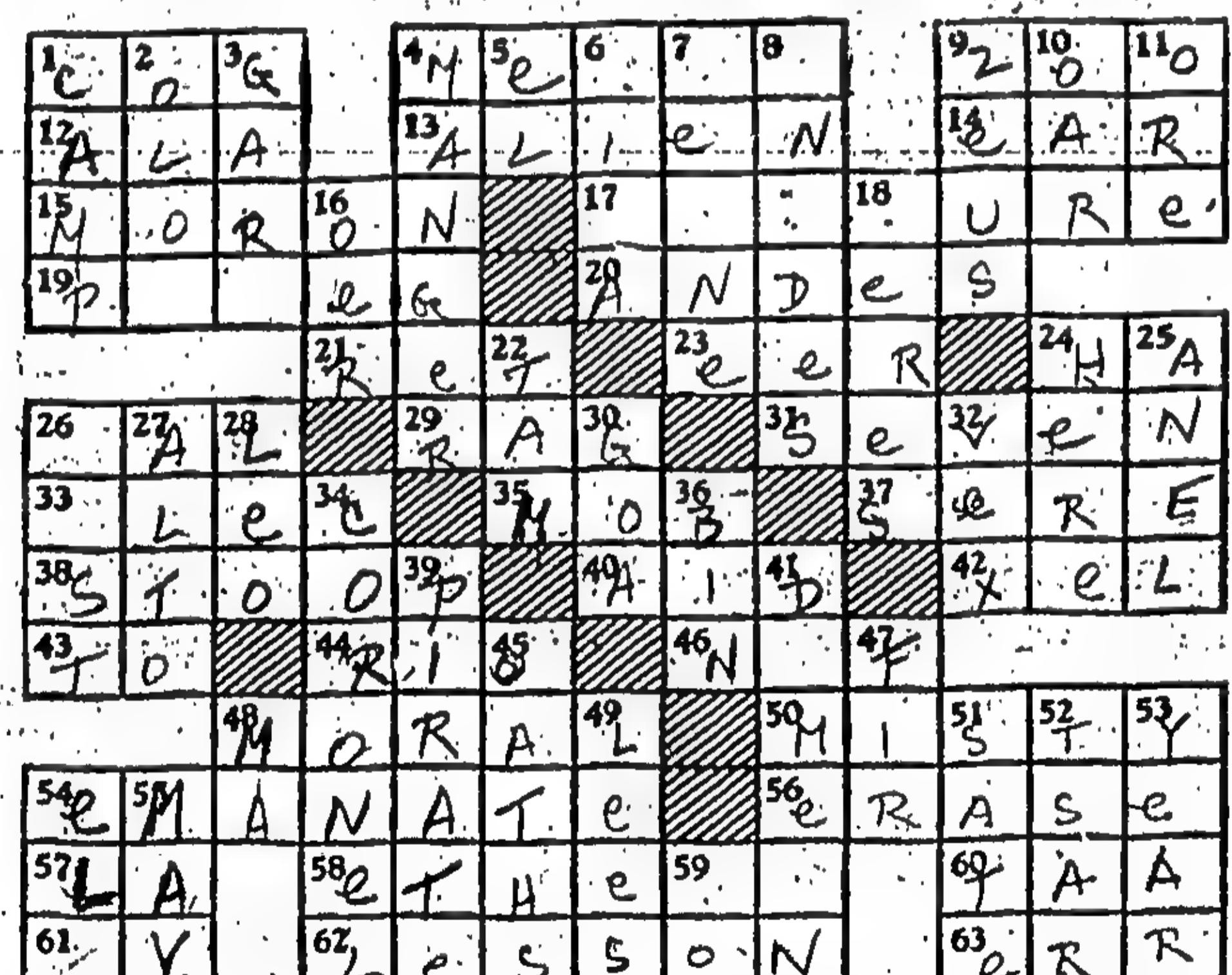


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1 Rotating piece

4 Mexican garment

9 Menagerie

12 Wing

13 Foreign

14 Head organ

15 Feeble-minded person

17 To obtain

19 Biblical name

20 S. Amer. mountain range

21 To soak

23 At all times (cont.)

24 Exclamation of triumph

26 Wolframite

29 Waste cloth

31 Number

33 Fish sauce

35 Crowd

37 Withered

38 To bend down

40 To lie

42 Indian pillar

43 Toward

44 River (Sp.)

46 Levantine sailing vessel

48 Ethical

50 Foggy

54 To come forth

55 To rub out

57 French article

58 Goddess of wisdom

60 Chinese pagoda

61 Cry of sorrow

62 Task assigned by a teacher

63 To be mistaken

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

PAO	TRAY	BIDS
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VERTICAL

1 To lodge temporarily

2 Century plant

3 Poetic earth

4 Feeding trough

5 Indian mulberry

6 Palm genus

7 To coat with tin and lead

8 Positive poles

9 Greek god

10 To row

11 Crude metal

16 Goddess of agriculture

22 Scotch cap

24 Greek goddess

25 The dill

26 Hurled

27 Singing voice

28 Constellation

30 Tibetan gazelle

32 To irritate

34 Pertaining to crown of head

36 Large container

39 Corsair

41 To conduct

45 Affirmations

47 Evergreen tree

48 Colloquial mother

49 Dregs

51 To cloy

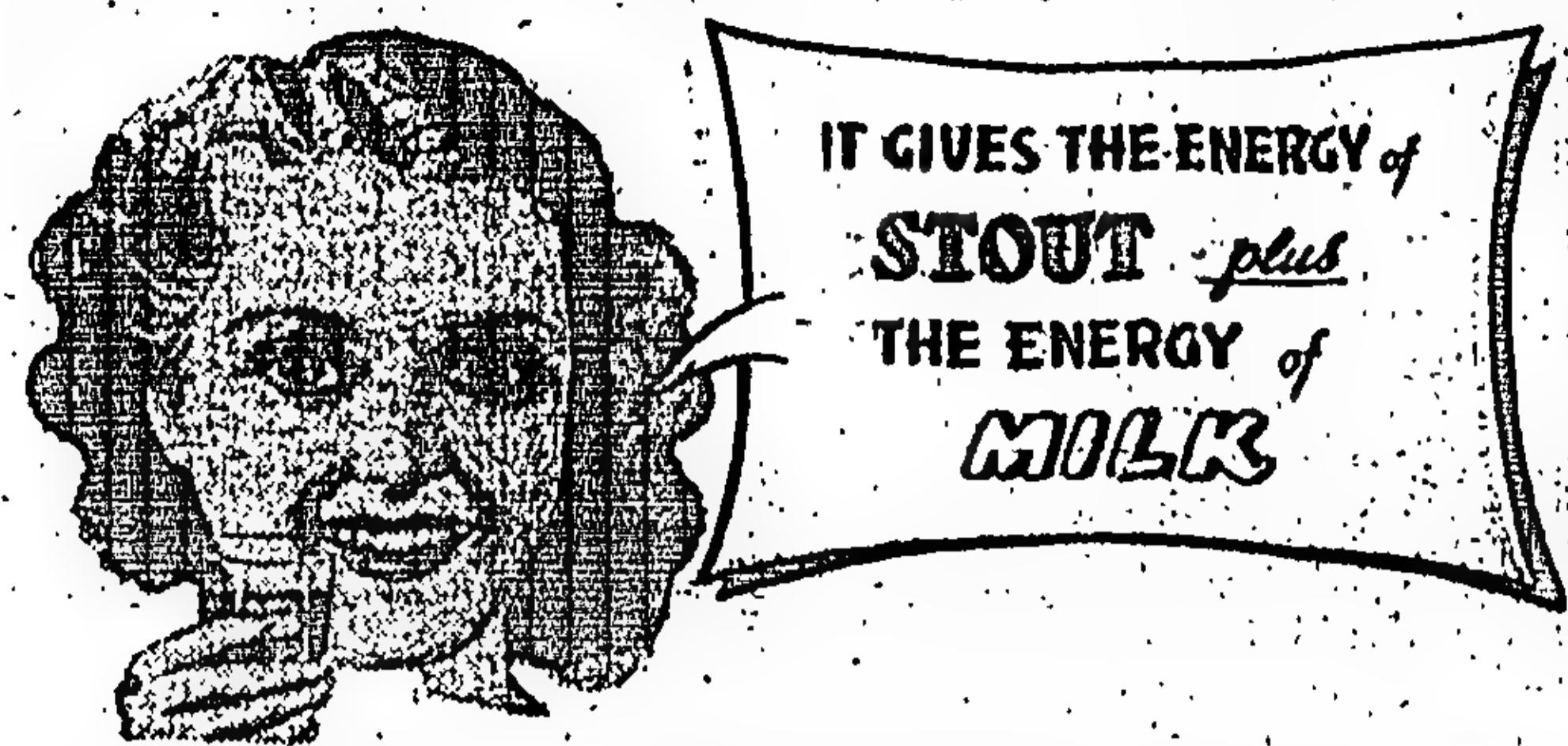
52 Russian ruler

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54 High note

55 Month

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DRIVE-BOMBER UPSET BY R.A.F. BALLOONS

ONE OF THE biggest jokes of this war is Britain's balloon barrage. But don't get me wrong. The time is gone when the facetious Nazis fed their folk with caricatures and quips for which our "floating elephants" seemed to be ready made, writes a correspondent.

Yes, surely we poor English were fools to think that such an incongruous defence weapon in modern warfare would achieve anything against the mighty Nazi air force? Too silly to contemplate a balloon foiling the monster machines of the air. Just a joke!

They'd be shot down as fast as they went up—or faster according to German reckoning.

And so the Nazis had their laugh. That was a year ago. Today we are having ours; the joke is on them.

Pea Shooting

The defence system they ridiculed has been developed by us on such a big scale as to form one of the most powerful units of our armoury against which the German air force is being vainly flung. And Germany knows it just as well as we do.

What was once a fond German dream of "pea shooting" fun at our expense has become a veritable nightmare to their airmen.

You may wonder why it is that they are going to such trouble—and paying such a heavy price—to shoot down these balloons.

There's a simple answer. The balloons, in their own way, present just as difficult an obstacle to enemy aircraft as our fighters and A.A. guns.

Born during the last war, the balloon barrage system has matured into one of the most efficient units in the defence of Britain.

PUBLIC HEALTH IN SHELTERS

Discussion in the press yesterday shows the continued public anxiety to see health conditions and amenities in air raid shelters still improved on the lines of the Horder Committee Report.

There is general agreement that there has been a marked change for the better in the great majority of shelters but there remain a small number where conditions at present are sufficiently far from satisfactory to cause concern and some indignation.

In a leading article devoted to the question "The Times" points out that such cases are nearly always traceable to the conflicting and ill-defined responsibilities of a multiplicity of authorities.

While in a few cases elementary reforms in sanitation and ventilation are still delayed the Report shows that over a wide field of shelter policy considerable progress is being made and health and comfort are not allowed entirely to overshadow cultural and recreative amenities.

In Perspective

Musical and other entertainments are being arranged in shelters and a library of five thousand books has been brought together for the use of shelterers.

At the same time these problems must be seen in perspective of the fact that less than fifteen per cent. of the population of London are estimated to have recourse to public shelters. — British Wireless.

NAZI NAVY DOCKYARDS BOMBED

Intense darkness and persistent clouds hampered the work of our heavy bombers when they raided Kiel and Wilhelmshaven on Monday night.

At Kiel, states the Air Ministry news service, principal objectives were shipyards and at Wilhelmshaven naval works and dockyards.

The raids began before 7 p.m. and all aircraft of the first force arriving at Kiel spent an average of half an hour cruising over the locks and floating docks before dropping bombs.

Through a gap in the clouds the pilot of one aircraft saw and bombed a group of dockside buildings by the water's edge a short distance from the original target.

The pilots of other bombers later were able to report six explosions followed by fires.

Later another pilot saw very large fires to the west of Kiel Bay. He dropped bombs into the fires and saw a glow light up the clouds.

The gasworks at Kiel was also attacked.

Some pilots sought other targets. One mentioned how he saw his bombs burst on docks at Hamburg and watched the red glow caused by incendiaries.

Holigoland was also raided. — British Wireless.

HUSBANDS' PETITION CABLED

A meeting of the Evacuation Representative Committee was held at the Peninsula Hotel last evening and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. C. Clemo, issued the following statement after the Meeting:

The Petition has been constitutionally drawn up and placed in the hands of local Government and transmitted in full by cable to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Copies will be circulated in due course to all those who have registered their names.

An Emergency Committee Meeting will be held immediately a reply is received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

"A number have not yet registered and they should do so as soon as possible. Forms can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, K.P.O. Box No. 1628.

"Financial aspects of the Evacuation will be thoroughly investigated at the next Meeting to be held at 5.15 p.m. on the 10th December. It has been considered necessary in view of the many items under this heading to confine the meeting only to this subject."

SHE KNEW

Two Welsh women were in their Anderson shelter during an air raid.

Said Marged: Drat it! I've forgotten to wake my Dai. He's fast asleep in bed.

Said her friend: Never mind, Marged, fach. Let him sleep through it.

Said Marged: Let him sleep. You don't know my Dai. If a bomb drops on him he'll get up and nag me to death for not waking him up.

NAZI MACHINE-GUN COAST TOWN

At a coast town yesterday a German aircraft fired a short burst of machine-gun fire which caused no casualties and very little damage. — British Wireless.

DORNIER BLOWN TO SMITHEREENS BY TRAWLER

A SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER told press representatives in London yesterday something of the dogged fighting devotion to duty of officers and crews of trawlers, fleet sweepers and paddle minesweepers in fighting German mines round Britain's coasts.

The work, he said, continued day and night. The task was also complicated by air attack and the officer recounted how when he went with a sweeper flotilla to clear a channel for a convoy a Messerschmidt swooped down dropping bombs.

"The whole flotilla opened fire and we turned her away at 2,000 feet, but not before she dropped two bombs so close that we saw them coming down."

Another danger was that of hitting mines on the sea-bed while fishing in shallow water.

The officer had a dramatic story of three trawlers, Corwen, Berberis and Fleming, which set out on a sweep mission.

Heinkel For Breakfast

The captain at the base, who makes a "practice of personally bidding 'God-speed' to sweepers," said: "Goodbye. Bring me back to Heinkel for breakfast."

Fleming was attacked by two

Dorniers, received a direct hit and sank.

The skipper went to the bottom in the wheelhouse, smashed the glass and came up. Twenty-four hours after rescue he was back on duty.

Berberis held her fire until one was very close, then blew it to smithereens. They were able to save only the collapsible boat which they towed and put on the captain's doorstop for breakfast with the officers and crew of Berberis.

The skipper made an interesting point that the man who shot down the Dornier was a wild fowler in civilian life, and stated that such men should be encouraged to form A.A. squadrons. — British Wireless.

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NAZI SETBACK

The diplomatic bombshell for which Nazi propaganda prepared the world during the Molotov visit to Berlin has shrunk to the adherence of Hungary, Rumania and Slovakia to the Tokyo-Axis Pact; providing a degree of anti-climax which is as comforting as it is significant. Even dull-witted Germans who believe everything they read in their State-dictated newspapers must puzzle over the precise gain to the power and might of Germany that has been achieved by a diplomatic flurry terminating in the signatures of three already completely subservient States to Hitler's line-up against the villainous British.

The conclusion to be drawn fairly leaps out of the procession of events. It is, of course, that M. Molotov's trip to Berlin was a dismal failure from the German viewpoint, and that Ribbentrop had to do some quick thinking to show anything at all.

Were there any doubt about the setback, it would appear to be removed by the sudden interest of Moscow Radio in last week's debate in the Bulgarian Parliament. Emphasis throughout the Soviet version of the proceedings was upon the pro-Soviet and the anti-German feelings expressed during the discussion;

and upon the sharp criticism by several Deputies imply a hint to Hitler that of King Boris's visit to aid to Italy against Berchtesgaden. Direct result, too, apparently, was cancellation of the proposed visit to Berlin of the Bulgarian Premier and the Foreign Minister, who stayed in Sofia for talks with Soviet representatives.

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Neutralisation of Bulgaria, Moscow's primary aim, is an aid to Greece; Hungary to Yugoslavia; if an aid to Yugoslavia, and Hitler so decreed), but an aid to Turkey; and, has given Hitler fair warning that an attack on Yugoslavia, if an aid to Turkey, and, would be regarded by Russia as an unfriendly act. The diplomatic pressure where Russia's fundamental interests lie?

The Soldier Of India

On Duty

In attempting to say something about the part now being played by the Army in India in this latest war, I know that I shall find many who from personal knowledge can underline my sentiments and endorse my appreciation. Australian contacts with India are close. Has not the "waler" been the medium of introduction of Australian horse lovers to the officers and men of the cavalry in India? Australian officers have long been seconded for service with the Indian Army. Above all, my old comrades of Anzac have no need to be told of the valour of the Indian Mountain Batteries, the Gurkhas and the 14th Sikhs is honoured by all who fought alongside of them on the Gallipoli peninsula. To-day the Indian Army is profoundly gratified by the knowledge that, in this war, the gallant Joe of those Gallipoli days is our staunch friend.

When I read of the Russian invasion of Finland and could see how strongly the Imperial ambitions of the Czars were rising in the breast of Stalin, my mind was

land and disturbed the sleep of Foreign Secretaries in Simla for several decades.

Army Strength

The Army in India, which embraces the British units serving

By Field-Marshal
Lord Birdwood,

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G.C.V.O., C.I.E., D.S.O.

in that country, and the Indian Army, with strengths respectively of about 50,000 and 150,000 in peacetime, has for its main function the defence of India against outside aggression. Misunder-

the Army in India in holding the rugged fastnesses of that difficult terrain has given India a sure shield against the aggressor. So successful has this watch and ward been, that I often think that India herself—peacefully working out her political salvation over the expanse of a vast sub-continent—does not realise its vital importance. Such vigilance is not lightly purchased. Even when the Empire is at peace British and Indian soldiers are on active service in the north-west, whether in the torrid fierce heat of the Frontier summer or in the bitter cold of its snow-capped hills in the winter.

In the problem of Frontier defence, prime preoccupation arises over the situation in that independent tribal territory—a "no man's land" where there are 500,000 fighting men, half of whom at least are armed with modern rifles. Bound together loosely by a common Pathan blood, these tribesmen are split up into clans which owe no allegiance to any one accepted leader. Their problem is mainly economic. The country

Meanwhile, especially when the Empire is at war, the watch on the Frontier must be a heavy responsibility for the Army in India. To-day Afghanistan, independent and member of the League of Nations, is a true friend of Great Britain, but beyond Afghanistan lies Soviet Russia, and Russian intrigues on the Frontier, and indeed in Afghanistan itself, is a plant of long and persistent growth. In the last war Germany made pertinacious attempts to shake the then Amir Habibullah of Afghanistan from his sage policy of friendship with India. Those attempts ignominiously failed. The story cannot be too faithfully remembered.

Keynote Of Service

In this task of defending India, British and Indian officers and men have a wonderful comradeship. It strikes the keynote of service in the Indian Army, and I account myself fortunate in having enjoyed its privilege ever since as a subaltern from a British Cavalry Regiment. I entered the 11th Bengal Lancers, now the 5th King Edward's Own Probyn's Horse, well over 50 years ago. My family's close association with India for nearly 150 years is a matter of great pride to me, covering as it does service in the Army as well as in the Civil Service. In writing about the Army I do not discuss politics—a soldier has no politics—but I have never permitted my military life to cut me off from study of the Indian administration. My old colleagues in the Indian Legislature will, I think, bear me out in the assertion that I have been a whole-hearted champion of India's advance toward self-government within the Empire which the Indian Army has served so gallantly—997 decorations were won by that Army in the Great War—and which has greatly benefited the moral and material progress of India. The co-operation of British and Indians in the Civil Services has been as splendid as that in the Army itself and has made notable contributions to the consolidation of Indian policy for the good of the many peoples of that country.



An Indian Mountain Regiment assembling a mountain gun.

thrown back to the years just before I entered the Indian Army, nearly fifty-five years ago, when Russia's advance to within measurable distance of the Indian border created disquietude in Eng-

land to prevent Turkey from becoming involved in hostilities. Which is interesting.

Soviet activities do not imply a hint to Hitler that of King Boris's visit to aid to Italy against Greece must go through Yugoslavia instead of Bulgaria. Rather is it an indication of Moscow's confidence that Yugoslavia, with whom Russian relations are greatly improved, is better able to take care of herself, especially now, that the triumphs of Greece have stiffened every Balkan capital and removed a menace from Yugoslavia's southern borders.

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standing on this point leads me to the map. Of the four Army Commands in India, only one—the Southern Command, at Poona—lies south of the Ganges. The other three—the Northern at Murree, the Western at Quetta, and the Eastern at Naini Tal—all have their headquarters to the north of that river. This obviously shows that the chief duty of the Army is to keep itself in readiness to repel attack on the North-West Frontier. If protection of India against internal trouble were primarily required, such an arrangement would be irrelevant.

The North-West Frontier is India's vulnerable spot. Her 3,000-mile coast line is protected by the Royal Navy, with the young Royal Indian Navy's special duties in Indian waters. Of her land frontiers of 3,000 miles the stretch from the Pamirs eastward and south-westward is mainly guarded by the gigantic snow curtains of the Himalayan Mountains. Directly to the east is Burma, now responsible for her own affairs. There remains the North-West Frontier, where the boundary between India and Afghanistan partly coincides with the administrative border of British India and forming with that border between the Zob Valley and the Pamirs, a strip of independent tribal territory, gives continual cause for vigilance. Before the British came, the story of India was one of a succession of invasions by the Khyber Pass or its vicinity, or to the rich plains of the Punjab and beyond. Three times in her history has India's fate been determined in pitched battle near the little village of Panipat, sixty miles north of Delhi, and each time the invader won.

The British "shuttered up the north." Now, long experienced

breeds faster than it can feed them. Fine warriors, they have their rough-and-ready codes of honour, but they lack nothing in resolution or ruthlessness. The maxim that to be a man one must have "brought a man and shant a man" is characteristic of their outlook.

Unruly Tribes

In handling these unruly tribes the Government has a two-fold policy. It establishes military posts linked up with roads in certain dominating points in the territory, and gives the tribesmen the opportunity of sharing in the policing of the country by a system of recruitment as road guardians with allowances. Order is thus maintained on lines which do not weigh too heavily upon tribal turbulence. By thus allowing the tribesmen to conduct their own affairs in their own way it is hoped to discourage them from adventures into a administrative territory. The inevitable seaboard crops up, of course, for religion can quickly fan the flame of fanaticism, and then pacification has to be strengthened by punitive action. Yet the Government recognises the need for devising economic relief over and above subventions to the guardians of law and order. So plans for improving irrigation facilities in this mountainous country are among the measures designed to bring real peace in no man's land. The ultimate goal is to make the administrative border coincide everywhere with the true Frontier, but so long as the tribesmen feel they must always carry rifles on their backs for immediate defence and accept the obligations of the blood feud this is impracticable.

The forcible disarmament of them and advance to the Dhar and Line, as the Frontier is called, would be an operation unjustified financially as well as morally.

India At Her Best

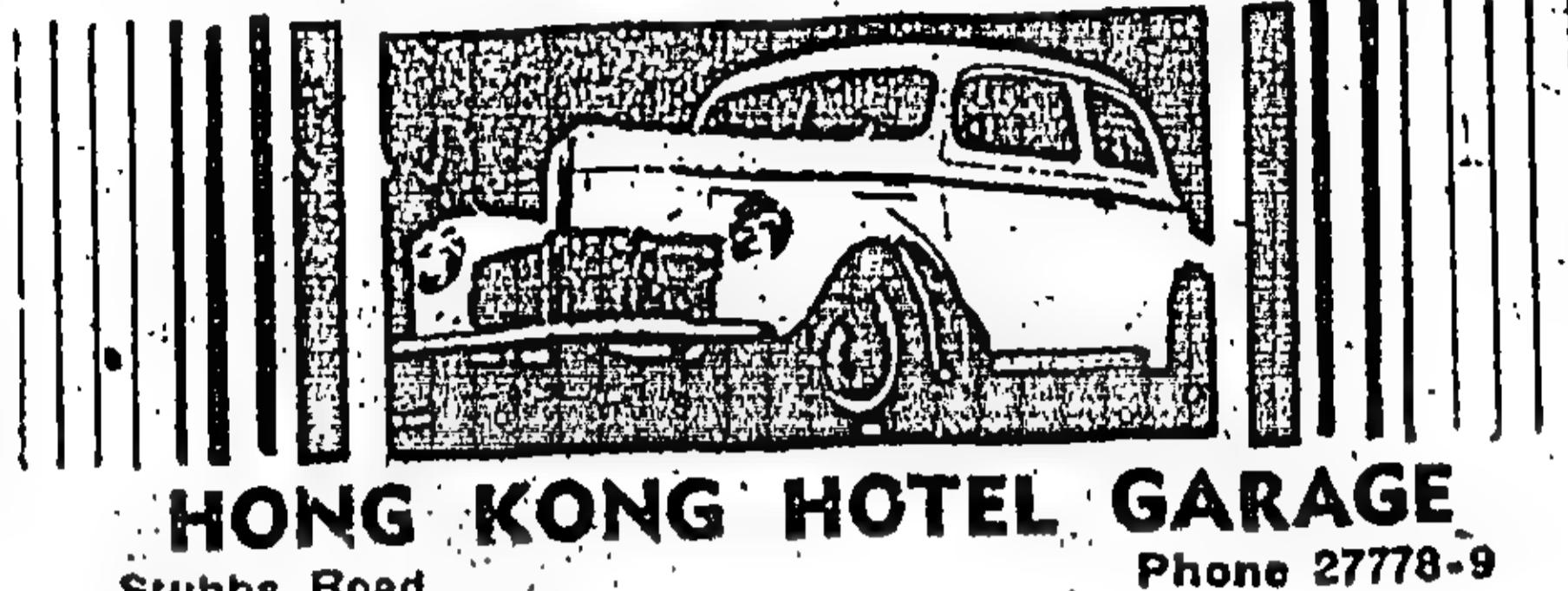
The Army side of Indian life is naturally most, indeed I may say very, familiar to me. In some ways the British officer in that Army sees India at her best. He enjoys the companionship in war, in sport, in the countryside of Indian comrades, who, by tradition, temperament, and family ties are bound whole-heartedly to the service of the King-Emperor under the Commander-in-Chief. As Commander-in-Chief myself I knew how much that meant. Drawn from martial classes, mostly of peasant stock, the men of the Indian Army are of the finest type which India produces. For them the duty of defending the community with the sword is paramount. They are no mere swashbucklers. Underlying their martial spirit is the thrill and domesticity of the yeoman or peasant. When the Indian soldier goes on garrison duty overseas, the manner in which he remits substantial sums of money to his people at home is an object-lesson in conjugal or filial piety. It explains, too, the traditions which bring recruits to the Army to the third and fourth generation.

The relations between the officer of the Indian Army and his men are intimate and really healthy. In themselves they greatly strengthen the ties which bind the people to the Government. They create friendships which persist throughout a lifetime and even for many generations. To-day I have the honour to be Colonel of the regiment which I first joined as a subaltern. My son is a serving officer of that regiment. So the tale proceeds. Somehow I feel that it will continue to proceed; for whatever changes occur, the virility, sense of fair play and chivalrous honour of the Indian soldier must play their full part in the development of India's nationhood. They are alert to-day when India hears the call to defend mankind against oppression and arrogant dominance.

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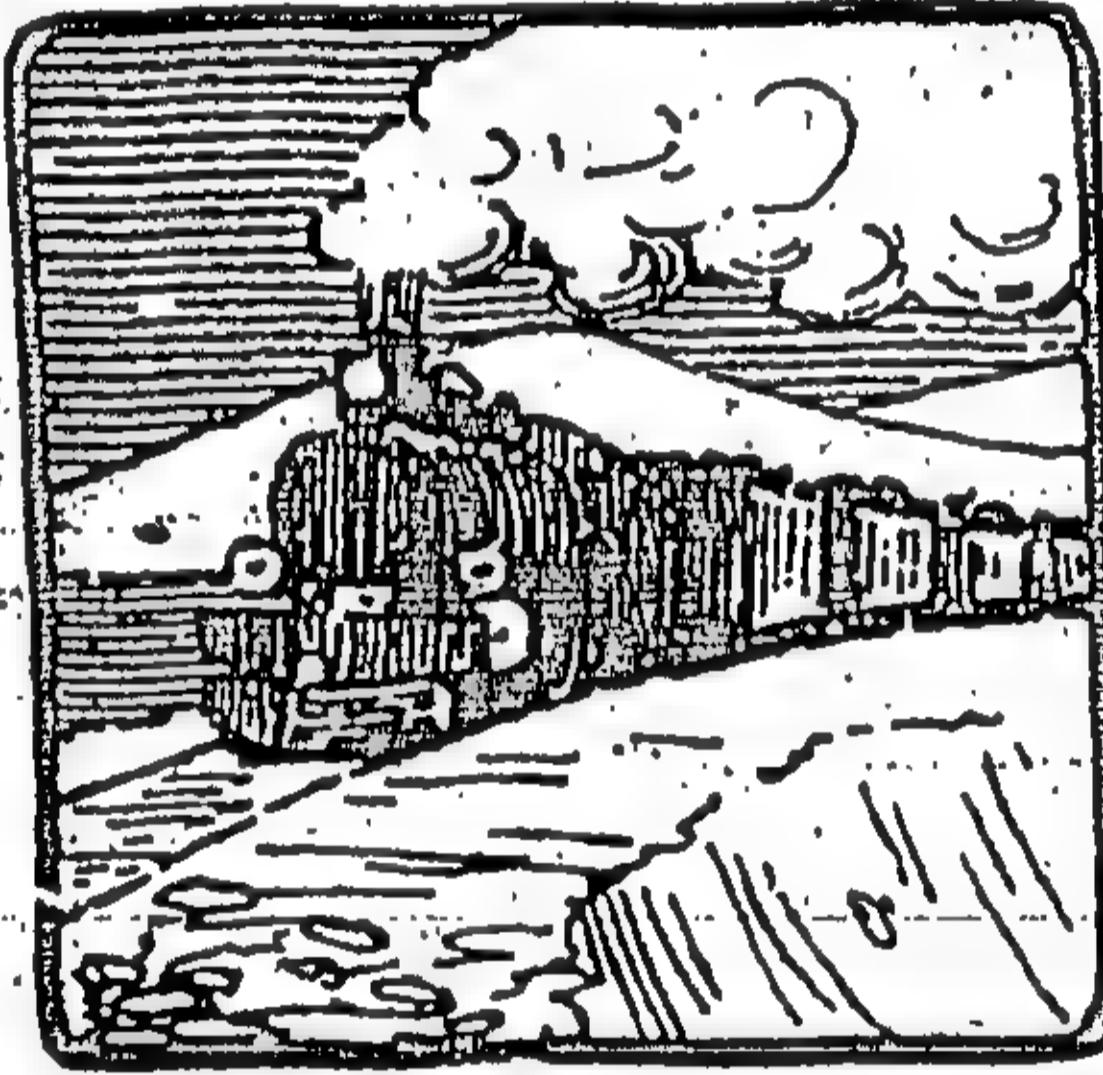
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BOTTLE PARTIES CLOSING**NIGHT LIFE HIT
BY AIR RAIDS ON
LONDON**

THE AIR RAIDS have carried on the good work started by the police. The shadier side of London night life is finished — for the time being at any rate. The nightly barrage has driven the underworld organisers out of town. The West End, as a result, is developing complete respectability.

Suspected premises which were being watched by the police and the military authorities a fortnight ago have now closed down of their own accord.

I toured the West End Faro and chemin-de-fer dens, doubtful bottle-parties, so-called clubs where Servicemen paid high prices for the privilege of talking to hostesses who drank expensive "liqueurs" — of coloured water — have all vanished, writes a correspondent.

There are fewer active crooks in the Jungle — the "police name" for the area bounded by Charing Cross Road, Tottenham Court Road, and Piccadilly — than there have been for 10 years.

In the same way, the legitimate night life of London, almost disappears with the unofficial curfew around nine o'clock.

Only a handful of clubs remain open — and they are nearly all official air raid shelters.

At the Cocoanut Grove in Regent Street, I was told: "Last week was the worst week for business in five years. But we still carry on. The show usually finishes about 5 a.m., and guests can sleep on the settees until the 'all clear' sounds."

Reopening

The Cafe de Paris, luxury night haunt favoured by visiting royalty, is closed for a week. The Embassy Club, despite a high-explosive crater near the entrance, plans to reopen shortly after redecoration.

Popular all-night restaurants serve meals from midnight to dawn — to less than 5 per cent. of the normal number of customers.

Sedate To-day

The Cafe Royal, one-time haunt of London's Bohemians, now has a very sedate closing hour around 9 p.m.

At the May Fair Hotel I found music and dancing in the underground shelter-ballroom. Their Spitfire fund was given a flying start by the auction of a shell nose-cap picked up by a member of the staff in Berkeley Square nearby.

The Trocadero remains open until the last customer decides to brave the outside conditions. "Our closing hour is around 11 o'clock these nights. And business could certainly be a lot better," I was told.

Good Cheer

The nightly "blitz" has cheered one group of West End workers. Barmaids frequently have every second night off and sleep their working night down in the cellars. And they have been given rises of 5s. and 10s. a week.

Even the coffee-stall industry has been affected. The men who used to drive their stalls in from the outskirts of the town have frequently shut up shop. Most of the stall-holders with permanent premises are staying open — shrouded by black-out curtains. The theatres, of course, have been hopelessly hit.

One is carrying on defiantly — and not doing so badly.

That is the Windmill — owned by Mrs. Laura Henderson, who is 76.

She thinks the show should go on.

It does. Only twice in the last fortnight has the curtain been rung down — and then only for a few minutes.

PLACED ON RECORD

Ministry of Supply state that used gramophone records can be converted into valuable war material, and that Britain ought to be saving about six million records a year.

**NEWS OF
BRITISH
IN PARIS**

Contact is now being established with friends and relatives of British-born subjects who for one reason or another remained in Paris since the German occupation.

A British business man who was absent from the French capital in the early days of June, and was subsequently unable to return there, came on to England.

Through the liaison of the Foreign Office with the United States Consulate-General he has been notified that his wife, who was living for a considerable period in Paris, "registered as a British subject at the United States Consulate-General" on August 10.

Staying There

She, he is further notified, "announced her intention of staying in France."

Beyond that no additional information is given. But it may be assumed that the woman can receive the allowance made by the British Government in necessary cases, as such allowances are available through the United States Consulate-General.

**TRINKETS
FOR 5TH
COLUMN**

THE PURPOSE OF THE ITALIAN PILOTS WHO COMING IN LIKE JACKALS AT THE HEELS OF THE GERMANS, CONTENTED THEMSELVES WITH SHOWERING FINGER-RINGS, MEDALLIONS, AND OTHER TRINKETS OVER LONDON, WAS NOT AT FIRST CLEAR. IT IS NOW BELIEVED THAT THEY WERE INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS OF THE ITALIAN "FIFTH COLUMN."

Puerile though such a notion is, it is in conformity with the general course of Italian behaviour on other occasions. D'Annunzio, for example, dropped roses over Vienna during the last war.

All these bits of imitation jewellery bore inscriptions in Italian. One ring, made of pewter, showed a head of Mussolini wearing a tin hat and a particularly grim expression. Underneath were the words, "terremoto diritti," a punning phrase meaning "We shall forge ahead" or "We shall shoot straight."

A medallion had a long exhortation to Italians to preserve unity and follow the Duce.

**TRAFFIC
GUNNED
BY NAZIS**

German fighter planes swooped on a small south-east town in daylight and blazed away at people and houses with cannon and machine-guns.

Mrs. D. Chesterman, aged seventy-three, received three wounds when a cannon shell exploded in her room. She was taken to hospital.

This new "frightfulness" was paralleled in an Essex town, where a Dornier bomber machine-gunned traffic and made shoppers dive for shelter.

Bullets fell like hail as the raider fired continuously across a street. Then his high explosive bombs wrecked a maternity hospital, garage and hit a road.

But it was the bomber's last attack. Hurricanes on their way home after a patrol over the North Sea, intercepted it and shot it down.

One of these British pilots, who later landed near the wrecked Dornier, was Flying Officer Hart Massey, 4 ft. 3 in. cox of the Oxford crew which lost to Cambridge in the 1939 boat race.

Son of the High Commissioner for Canada, he is one of the smallest pilots in the R.A.F.

A Surprise

The German pilot, who had climbed to 4,000 ft., dodged in and out of cloud, but several of the Hurricanes got in bursts of fire and the Dornier crashed twenty miles away near a searchlight post.

The searchlight crew, who took four of the German airmen prisoners, were more surprised by Massey's size than by the Hurricanes' victory.

People took shelter so quickly that casualties were very few. The only serious case was Frederick James Burch, printer's reader, who is in hospital with a bullet wound in the back.

A girl aged twelve was cut by flying glass about the legs, and when attended to by A.R.P. workers her only remark was: "I hope mummy and daddy don't hear about this."

A man and woman and a child who was in a perambulator were killed outright.

Ten enemy aircraft were destroyed nine by fighters and one by anti-aircraft fire.

Change in Tactics

One enemy aircraft was destroyed by A.A. fire over south-east London before midnight and in addition it was learned that two others were shot down over the Sussex coast the previous day by Lewis-gun fire.

The raids brought a change of tactics by the German Air Force. Instead of single bombers or one or two large-scale attacks, small raids of from forty to eighty enemy bombers and fighters followed each other from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. But few reached the London area.

London's usual night alert was the seventh of the day. Coming in from two directions, waves of raiders tried to reach Central London, but failed to beat the barrage.

An early "All-clear" was sounded, the second earliest since the air blitzkrieg began. The alert was sounded again after about an hour.

In this eighth alert Molotov bread baskets fell on the speech room and science buildings of a famous public school in South-East England. A block of flats was also hit. None of the school houses in which the boys live were affected and no boys were injured.

Quarantine restrictions imposed by the Government of Japan against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of cholera have been removed.

SIX DIE IN GERMAN AIR RAID ON SCHOOL

SIX CHILDREN, all about seven years old, were killed when a German plane swooped down over a Midland town and bombed a large elementary school.

Fortunately the attack came so suddenly that there was no time to move the children into the sandbagged shelters in the playground which were badly damaged.

About 400 boys and girls, some of them evacuees from London and the East Coast attend the school, and three girls, who arrived in the town only a fortnight ago, and a crippled boy were among the killed. Many of the children were probably saved by the fact that just before the explosions they were told to lie on the floor.

The teacher showed great courage. She played a conspicuous part in the rescue work, and helped to take a roll-call.

"It's Thunder"

In one classroom near the one which was wrecked, a small boy heard bombs falling and cried, "Hark teacher."

The teacher, after looking out of the window, told the class, "Yes, it's thunder, but I'd put your heads under the desk if I were you."

The raider flew low and released high-explosive and incendiary bombs in a row across the town. A factory and the school were hit and some damage was done to other buildings.

Casualties, including it is believed, one or two killed, occurred in the factory.

It was the town's first raid of the war.

Two Trains Gunned

A main line train from London was bombed and machine-gunned as it passed through a small Midlands town. Over a dozen bombs were dropped. Three casualties were taken to hospital.

The bombed train was stopped a few miles further on, but as injured people were not seriously hurt they were taken on to the next large town to receive hospital treatment.

One of those taken to hospital was Mr. Harry Crawshaw, of Harpenden, Herts, who was wounded in the thigh.

Mr. R. Robinson, a passenger on the train, said: "We were travelling north when a German plane dived over the train, dropped bombs and began to machine-gun us."

"I was asleep at the time. A bullet came through the window and missed me by 6in. I picked it up later and am keeping it as a souvenir."

Another train was machine-gunned when entering a station in an S.E. England village.

"The plane came from across the Thames," said a bookstall clerk. "It was very low and passengers put their heads out of the windows. I heard the rattle of a machine-gun. No one was hit."

Funeral Gunned

Grave-diggers and mourners dived for cover beside tombstones when a German plane machine-gunned a funeral party at a cemetery during a daylight raid in London.

Women mourners remained in the coaches which were following the hearse as machine-gun bullets spat a few yards away.

Gunfire was heard intermittently in Central London throughout the day—over the longest period in daylight since war began—but buses, cars and taxis, as well as pedestrians, carried on as usual.

A school in a North London suburb was hit by a bomb and it is feared that a number of A.R.P. workers were buried under the debris.

In an East London district the barrage was described as as heavy as night gunfire. Planes, it was reported, were heard passing over every few minutes.

LOVE IS NEW U.S. CRAZE

After pole sitting, pushing peanuts with the nose, and jitterbugs, a new movement is on foot in America, a movement which sets itself up as the champion of love.

It is Carry-The-Torch Club of America, founded in New York by Mr. Noel Meadow.

Its aims are to encourage and assist those for whom the course of true love does not run smoothly.

The phrase "Carrying the Torch" has been defined as "the time when your heart stops ticking and starts talking."

"I Love Love"

"The world is full of so much unhappiness," Mr. Meadow said gloomily to the British United Press, "that time is ripe for love to bring a little sweetness to people."

Mr. Meadow's last official position was as president and founder of the Society of Screwballs.

Another leader in the movement is Mr. Edward Jaffie, who in his odd moments acts as publicity man for a batch of what he terms "God's loveliest people, strip tease dancers."

Acting president of the organisation is Miss Cynthia Kent, red-headed, pretty and 21. "I love love," she says.

U.S. ARMS POUR INTO GERMANY

American industrialists are secretly supplying Germany and Italy with £2,500,000 worth of vital war materials a month, according to an investigation made by the New York "Daily News."

Vast quantities of ore (including copper), machinery and cotton, which is essential in the manufacture of explosives, are entering Axis territory through Arctic Ocean ports, Spain, Portugal and Russia. Some goes via Cuba and Mexico.

These five nations are cooperating with American business men, who have made profitable contacts with Axis agents in all parts of the world.

"The Daily News" reveals that powerful Axis friend Juan March—who was Franco's financial backer—has a desk in the offices of Francis Du Pont, which has connections with the huge Du Pont arms and gunpowder firm at Wilmington, Delaware.

Another desk in the same office is occupied by Avelino Montes, who is an expert at getting secret shipments through Mexico.

HE WAS PUNISHED BY HIS WIFE

"My wife bit me," was the explanation offered by a native when he hobbed into court on crutches at Bloemfontein charged with assaulting his wife.

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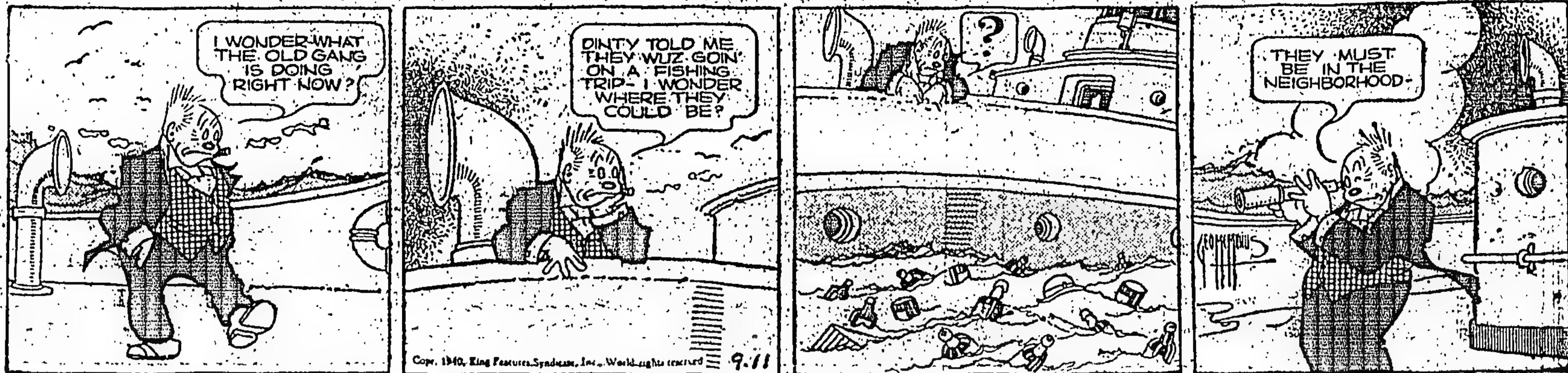
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Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN British Women Work For The Red Cross

In just over a year two and three-hour donations of spare time stitching have made one of the most impressive contributions to the War. Involving fantastic quantities of raw materials; hundredweights of wool; miles of cloth; buttons enough to outline the London area; cotton enough to stitch a trail from one end of England to the other. It adds to staggering sums in finished garments. And the distinction of supplying the Red Cross with everything a pair of hands can make to help its great humane work. To make the lot of every war casualty a little easier to bear.

These women who supply the Red Cross—or to be precise who sew and knit for the Central Hospital Supply Service—meet in groups of varying numbers in every town and village throughout the British Isles. They are the women who carry on the jobs the fighting men must leave. They run their homes. They look after their children. They still find time like Mrs. Johnson of Bethnal Green, London, to sew two afternoons a week and "wish they could do more." She does a factory night shift in addition to cooking and cleaning for a family of four. Yet she has to miss one afternoon's attendance at the school in which her working party meet.

Some workers have time for a few hours' sewing each day. Some can spare time for only two hours a week. They all take knitting home to weave what comfort they can from their leisure for those who suffer. War's savagery of half Europe is recorded in the vast bundles of goods they have made and sent to the depots in London, Bristol and Sale.

In Poland

First Poland. Field dressings... bandages... men's pyjamas, hospital shirts! No one had then glimpsed what this war was destined to do to civilians. It came with that first S.O.S. for clothing. Any and every kind of clothing to cover women and children as well as the men who trudged painfully across a ravaged country in that first, helpless, hopeless army of refugees. No one realised even then the significance there was behind that need for clothing for the women and children. No one

had schemed a roll of cloth into the cutting of more than so many pyjamas and shirts for soldiers and sailors and airmen... with the scraps made perhaps into bed covers and hot water-bottle jackets. They use them now for children's knickers and shirts and stitching suits.

It seemed a long way to Norway and Finland from the quiet English countryside... with the first Spring flowers coming into bloom as women went to village schoolrooms and town halls to struggle with their first knitted helmet. To negotiate thick, clumsy-to-work felt into neat booties and gloves.

Nearly a hundred women in one Kent town will never smell mackintosh again without thinking of Dunkirk. They made pillowslips of it... for men who had swum through a sea of burning oil.

Five thousand of these working parties are actually affiliated to

By
Iris Carpenter

the Red Cross. There are countless others working independently or through various women's guilds and organisations. The youngest members are often schoolgirls... who at eight years old capably knit squares for hospital blankets. The oldest is probably the French woman of eighty who went through the siege of Paris. She spends her days in this campaign knitting operation socks.

Daily Record

The vast organisation needed to deal with the production of goods for the Central Hospital Supply Service is under the Chairmanship of Viscountess Falmouth. It works from a London Headquarters through thirteen Regional Divisions. Some idea of its efficiency may be gathered from the fact that there is a daily record kept of raw material, work in hand and finished goods from which it is possible to estimate the length of time to within an hour or so in which a given number of garments can be made and delivered to any part of the world.

During the Finish campaign five thousand pyjamas of a certain type were urgently required. They were on their way in twenty-four hours.

A large London area is directed by Lady Daresbury from a small flat in which seventeen miles of cloth have been cut into garments during the past year. These are sent to the working parties of the area. We took two sacksful to an East London school. Twenty women sat stitching busily. Five at machines. The others were tacking seams, making buttonholes in a consignment of women's pyjamas, needed just now for air raid casualties.

"Not one of those women had slept in bed for a week. They had spent their nights sleeping in air raid shelters. They were perfectly cheerful. 'Surprising how soon you get used to it,' said one. She is a market hand, up at half past four every morning, and proud of the fact that she can make the best buttonholes in the party. In spite of hands gnarled from years of twisting wire for flower mounting.

Another had been thrown from one side of her home to the other when a bomb demolished the one next door. She machined pyjamas seams with professional dexterity and the remark that the

was lucky to be sewing instead of wearing them!

Every working party has its own ingenious uses for even the minutest scraps of material. Not a particle is wasted. Every roll of cloth before cutting has its selvages torn off... to be knitted into hospital cloths and dusters. Shavings too small for any other use are sold for paper manufacture.

Contributions from every part of the world reach the Red Cross for the purchase of material for its working parties. In addition, most of them have their own schemes for raising money for the purchase of raw material. The dances, and garden parties and bridge and whist drives which have taken place in aid of the cause during the past year are countless.

Every kind of competition—from a golf match to guessing the number of biscuits in a tin, has been organised. In one London suburb members of a working party pay a penny for each hour of sleep lost during an air raid. Pennies are spent on wool which is knitted during the raid.

Since the outbreak of war more than a million gifts have reached the Red Cross in addition to those sent out by them to be made up by their working parties. There are stories like the Sussex village of three hundred people who collected nearly a pound a head. Or the fishing village on the North Devon Coast whose collected sufficient money and in three months knitted up two thousand garments. A blitzkrieg of effort, reckoned, with knitting pins, thimbles and womanly endeavour.

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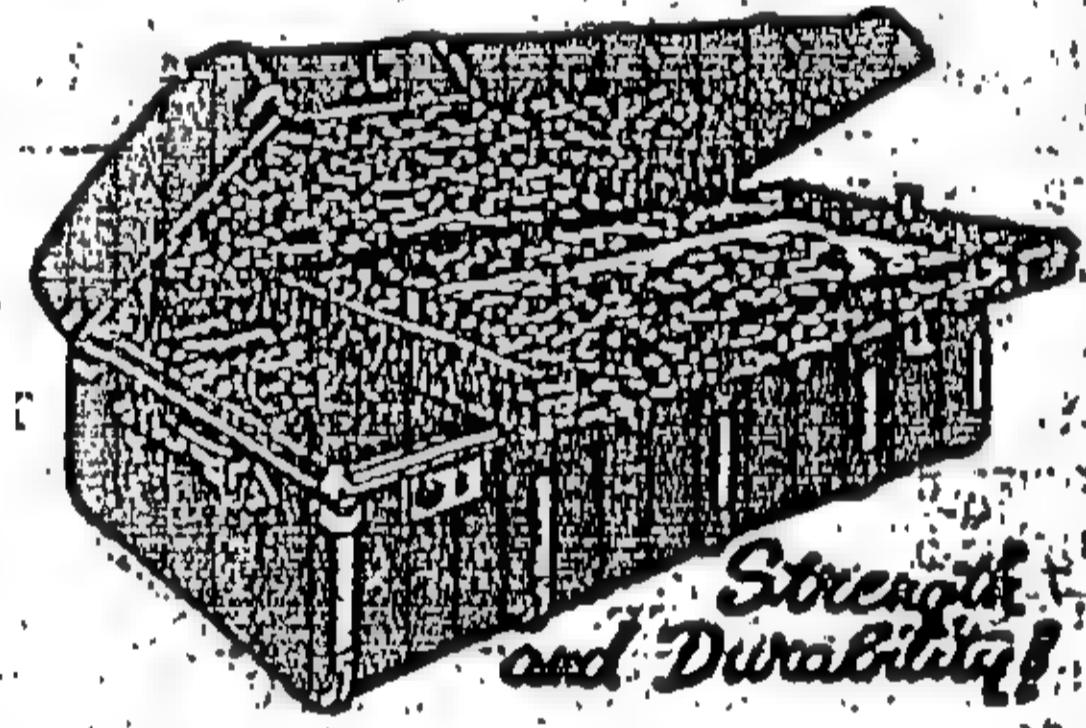
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12.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Billy Cotton and His Band.
1.03 p.m.—Sea Shanties by John Goss and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.

1.13 p.m.—New Mayfair Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Half an hour with Delius.

On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring...Sir Thomas Beecham cond.

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6.32 p.m.—Georges Thill (Tenor) in a French Programme.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

8.03 p.m.—Compositions of Mendelssohn.

8.24 p.m.—Songs by Norman Allin (Bass).

8.35 p.m.—Lalo—Symphonie Espagnole for Violin and Orchestra, Op. 21.

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9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

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HOCKEY

CLUB LOSE BY ODD GOAL

By "Sportshawk"

Khalsa Hockey Club yesterday beat Hong Kong Hockey Club by the odd goal in three in a friendly hockey match at King's Park, after scoring once in the first period.

Club were unfortunate to have been beaten as they improved as the game progressed and, had not darkness fallen so quickly, would have at least forced a draw. The game was abandoned five or more minutes before the scheduled time, owing to the light.

Benwell had a comparatively easy time between the sticks even though two goals were scored against him, but Thompson had to work hard in the first half in the face of Khalsa's repeated raids.

Reed In Form

Reed, the pivot for Club, played a sound game distributing and spoiling well, while Taylor held his own at right-half quite well.

Smith and Guest were a pair of speedy and most dangerous forwards for Club; they combined exceedingly well and penetrated the Indians' defence on many occasions. Bickford also played quite well in the attack.

U. B. Souza saved several good goals for Indians and Man Singh defended stoutly throughout the entire game.

M. H. Husain was the best among the Indian halves and G. Singh was the most dangerous forward, while Narwant Singh assisted G. Singh with many accurate passes.

G. Singh opened the scoring for the Indians from a pass from Narwant Singh near the end of the first period, but Guest scored a beautiful equaliser for Club. G. Singh netted the decider shortly before time was called.

H. K. Hockey Club: — Benwell; Thompson and Thums; Taylor, Reed and Woods; Smith.

ARMY RUGBY

Two Rugby matches were played yesterday in the Army Small Units Rugby League.

Middlesex "B" shared six points with 8th Heavy Regiment R.A. Gunnars opened the scoring through Hicks but Bayly equalised for Middlesex when he kicked a penalty goal.

The 12th Heavy Regt. R.A. were completely outplayed by Royal Army Medical Corps.

For the Medicals, Pratt was outstanding, scoring two tries in the first half. McDonald did a spectacular run from midfield for a touchdown which was converted by Morgan. Early in the second half, Morgan sent in a beautiful penalty drop kick.

At the end of the first half, the Medicals were leading by 12-0 (three tries and a penalty goal).

On resumption of play, R.A. reduced the score by a try by Edison. Morgan of Medicals took a penalty drop kick to increase his side's lead to 15-3. Dooley scored another try for Gunnars but Medicals went further ahead through, McDonald whose try was converted by Morgan. The final score was 20-6.

12th Heavy Regt. R.A.: — McCarthy, Abdey, Couch, Delderfield, Hall; Keeble, Bevan; Howarth, Bompers, Edison, Dooley, Smith; Pain, Lockett and Giddons.

R.A.M.C.: — Morgan; McDonald, Coombes, Barclay, Pratt; Whybrow, Chandler; Scriven, Milne, Mohan; Wigglesworth, Furnell; van Milingen, Collins and Edge.

Guest, Fowler, Bickford and White.

Khales: — U. B. Souza; Man Singh and J. S. Grewal; Mhd Usuaf, M. H. Hussain and J. Singh; Souza, G. Singh, Atwar Singh, Narwant Singh and Gurdayal Singh.

A keenly contested hockey match was played at Sookunpoo yesterday when the Royal Scots beat the Nomads by two goals nil in a friendly encounter.

JAPANESE LANDING UNCONFIRMED

AUTHORITATIVE QUARTERS STATED THIS MORNING THAT THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION OF THE REPORTED JAPANESE LANDING AT AU TAU IN BIAS BAY ON MONDAY.

Unconfirmed reports claimed that Chinese forces in the area repulsed the Japanese landing party which withdrew.

There are one or two Japanese warships in Bias Bay.

RUGBY TEAMS

The Army team to meet Club in the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament on Saturday at Sookunpoo will be as follows:

2/Lt. Clague; Pte. Macdonald, Lt. Coombes, Capt. Douglass, L/Bdr. Richards, Capt. Hook and 2/Lt. Wedderburn; Cpl. Sutherland, 2/Lt. Ford, 2/Lt. Pinkerton; 2/Lt. Bompas, L/Cpl. Gilham; 2/Lt. Miller, 2/Lt. Cuthbertson and Capt. Duke.

CLUB "A" XV

The following will represent Club "A" to-day at 4.45 p.m. against Navy "A" on the Club ground.

D. L. Pecorini; P. B. Wilson, G. Aitkenhead, G. B. Godfrey, C. F. Needham; T. O. Morgan, F. J. B. Cleary, E. W. Stout, J. F. B. Burford, A. M. Kennedy, R. E. Heasman, B. Hynes; G. G. Davies, A. G. Dalkiel and J. Redman.

K.C.C. TENNIS

Fading light prevented a match in the quarter-finals of the K.C.C. handicap Doubles being completed yesterday and it will be replayed. When play stopped the scores were, E. C. Fincher and G. C. Burnett given first, 6-3, 4-6, 1-1. Their opponents, O'Neill and Zulauf were owed 30 every game.

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By "Adrem"

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To start with the senior teams will be University "A" and University "B", Chinese Y.M.C.A. and Club de Recreio, but, as stipulated at the recent meeting of the Association, St. John's, who won the junior title last year, will be forced into the higher division if their form in opening "B" Division matches is deemed sufficiently good to justify such a step.

Junior Division will be constituted rather differently. Owing to the large number of teams participating, and the desirability of playing home and away matches, the division has been divided into two sections and the teams in each sub-division will then play on a self-contained League basis with home and away fixtures, and the winners of each section will meet at the end of the season to decide the divisional championship.

So far as can be ascertained, little new talent has arrived in the off-season, with the exception of a new undergraduate at the University, and for the most part the same old faces will be on view in the same old teams, although there might be a little reshuffling owing to the transfer of players, in isolated cases, from one club to another.

Choy, the new recruit at University, has already established quite a reputation for himself among badminton enthusiasts and rumour has it that he has beaten P. K. Hui, probably the most brilliant player in the Colony, Patrick Wong the champion, notwithstanding, in practice singles games.

He also created a very favourable impression when playing for University in a recent mixed-doubles friendly against Club de Recreio.

Friendlies Already Played.

Little publicity has been given to the matches but several friendlies have already been played, with others fixed to take place before the opening of the League, and enquiries made yesterday revealed that most of the clubs are hard at practice and looking forward eagerly to December 11, when the League is due to make a start.

As was the case last season, "A" Division, although it may reasonably be expected that a close tussle will devolve on two teams, will not be nearly as interesting as the Junior Division where talent is more evenly distributed.



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C.C.C. TEAM

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SCHMELING, PARACHUTIST, REPORTED INJURED

Max Schmeling, the German heavyweight champion, has been seriously injured while training as a parachutist, according to the Swedish newspaper, "Aftonbladet." He is in hospital, and his wife, the film star Anny Ondra, is nursing him, the report adds.

OLIVEIRA AND MISS M. SILVA IN FORM

Playing at Club de Recreio, the home team defeated Hong Kong University by 5 games to four in a pre-season friendly badminton match on November 15.

K. W. Choy made a promising debut for University, and Oliveira and Miss Silva played brilliantly for Recreio.

J. J. Remedios and Mrs. O. Silva (Recreio),

lost to K. W. Choy and Miss U. Khoo 18-21

lost to P. S. Bun and Miss K. J. Hung 20-23

beat P. K. Hui and Miss Patushinsky 21-6

M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva (Recreio),

beat Choy and Miss Khoo 21-19

beat Bun and Miss Hung 21-6

beat Hui and Miss Patushinsky 21-6

H. F. Goncalves and Miss M. Ribeiro (Recreio),

lost to Choy and Miss Khoo 18-21

lost to Bun and Miss Hung 8-21

beat Hui and Miss Patushinsky 21-10

Note: Mrs. O. Silva is the former Miss Olga Ribeiro.

SUNDAY'S GOLF MATCH

An indication of the present healthy state of Colony golf outside Royal Hong Kong Golf Club is provided in the announcement of a friendly match to be played at Sheungshui on Sunday between Country Club and Kowloon Golf Club.

This will be the first occasion that the two clubs have met in a contest of this description and it will probably be the forerunner of other similar matches.

Following are the teams and starting times:

Country Club - Kowloon G.C.

9.00 a.m. A. W. Ramsey A. J. Dennis

9.05 a.m. A. A. Lopes W. V. Ahern

9.10 a.m. R. E. Lee E. F. Fincher

9.15 a.m. F. E. A. Remedios R. K. Collings

9.20 a.m. E. J. M. Churn K. S. Mackenzie

9.25 a.m. T. Y. C. Lee A. Eastman

9.30 a.m. H. Kow B. Tomlinson

9.35 a.m. C. H. T. Suen W. C. Simpson

9.40 a.m. J. J. Baeto T. Lamb

9.45 a.m. M. F. Pinna F. C. Perry

9.50 a.m.

STERN CHALLENGE FROM KOWLOON TONG EXPECTED

By "Adrem"

JUNIOR DIVISION OF the Badminton League promises to be as thrilling as ever and although the constitution of teams has not been decided upon as yet, it is fairly certain that an even higher standard than that which prevailed last year will be established.

Chung Wah, winners in 1938/9, is still running the side and will have the following players, to mention only some, to call upon: R. E. Lee, Peter Lo, Joe Tsang, Frank Kwok, K. Fook-sing, Albert Chan and John Chen.

The champions, St. John's, will probably find it difficult to raise a side. Eardley, who is kept busy

with naval duties, is not expected to play very often, and Frank Kwok, who has ever been one of the stalwarts of the team, will be sadly missed. David Kwok is still available, however, and with Peter Wilson, Norman Smith and Dick Maynard will form the nucleus of the team.

St. Andrew's have lost Gillies, who will be called upon by the new Police team, and although Henry Kew and Ernie Fincher will give them one strong pair on which to build a team, there is little outstanding talent. Other players are A. S. Bliss, E. H. P. White, J. Tomlinson, V. J. R. Merritt, S. A. Broadbridge and M. M. Davies; while I have also heard that there is a possibility that N. A. E. Mackay, the Kowloon Tong player, will assist them.

"Seeding"?

I don't know what method the Association adopted in segregating the teams but it is apparent that Chung Wah and St. John's have been "seeded." Whereas there appears to be little doubt that Chung Wah will reach the final whatever challenge King's or Recreio might offer, I cannot see St. John's emerging at the top of Section "B".

Even at this early stage, I have little hesitation in tipping Kowloon Tong to win.

Whilst having most of their former players, with the exception of Peter Fletcher to call upon, they have been reinforced by the St. Teresa's contingent, who should provide them with the material for two good pairs, and Frank Kwok, formerly of St. John's. Add to this the fact that they have several newcomers, believed to be from Malaya, on their books, and their potentialities will be readily appreciated.

These newcomers, whose names I have been unable to ascertain, have been hard at practice, and on the form shown by them, should easily make the team which will leave precious little room for the players who turned out last year.

A. E. Castro, for the moment,

F. X. M. Silva W. Kershaw 9.55 a.m.

A. R. Pinna T. Henderson

Fourballs in the afternoon will be

Ramsey and Lopes v Dennis and Ahern.

Lee and Remedios v Fincher and Collings.

Churn and T. Y. C. Lee v MacKenzie and Eastman.

Kew and Suen v Tomlinson and Simpson.

Basto and Pinna v Lamb and Barry.

Silva and A. R. Pinna v Kershaw and Henderson.

The ladies of the two clubs will meet at Kowloon and teams will be:

Kowloon Country Club

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It has not been decided whether

the ladies will play in pairs or

as individuals.

Last but not least—we hope

come the Police. J. Shepherd is in

charge and assures me that his

side is keen and looking forward

eagerly to their League commit-

ments. Their star player, of

course, will be Bill Gillies, Col-

ony Junior Champion, and other

possibles are an interpreter called

Siu, V. Mackenzie, A. R. H. Major

and K. A. Bidmead.

I expect there will be some

names I have not mentioned but

those I have, indicate that there

should be great keenness and en-

joyable games and that, after all,

is all a League can hope to ac-

complish.

CAPACITY CROWD SEE SAINTS' NARROWLY BEAT INDIANS

Gonzales Prominent; Good Pitching & Sure Fielding

Edwards Assists Baseballers To Beat Cyclones 8-6

By "Grandstand"

HIGHLIGHTED BY BRILLIANT DEFENSIVE PLAY, THE SAINTS SHADED THE INDIANS BY 2-1, IN THE OPENER OF THE SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE PROGRAMME ON SUNDAY, WHICH WAS WITNESSED BY A CAPACITY CROWD IN SPITE OF THE DRIZZLE WHICH THREATENED TO HALT THE GAME.

The string of horse-collars which decorated the score-board, was only broken in the fourth when the Saints pushed across a tally. Although the Indians out-hit their opponents 10-8, Frankie "Bashful" Gonzales, fork-handed hurler of the Collegians, spaced the hits, so that despite the fact that the Indians threatened to score in every frame, good fielding nullified the effects of the hits.

In the initial chapter, the Indians put two on bases on a bobble and a hit, but Nazarin was nailed at the plate when attempting a double steal. In the second frame, with ducks in the pond after Madeen Arculli and Hassan had both grounded out, Sheridan "Romeo" Hamet fled out to end the rally. In the next inning, Nazarin singled, but died on third as Tarzan Ismail, A. R. Abbas and A. K. Omar fled out in order, the last being a fielding gem, as "Ozo" Ozorio picked out Omar's line-drive, which had two-bagger written all over it.

Hassan Stranded

In the fourth Hassan was again left stranded on second. The Saints would have scored in the third, when Souza doubled, but he was snuffed at the counting station when he attempted to score on Ali's single.

In their half of the fourth, the Collegians drew blood, as Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard slashed an ankle-cutter, which pitcher Nazarin deflected into the stands. When the ball was retrieved, Leonard was perched safely on second, and scored standing up on Skip Powlowski's timely single to deep right.

Hussain and Gonzales fled out to end the uprising. In the sixth, Hal Winglee dumped one along first and got on base. George Souza fled out, but Henry "Showboat" Ali drew the only pass of the game. Ozorio's bunt loaded the sacks.

Winglee Scores

Bambino Dave Leonard, hitting in the clean-up slot, banged out a single for Winglee to romp home with the second marker, but Ali was nabbed at the plate when he attempted to score from second. Stan Leonard grounded to end the chapter.

In the sixth, the Indians threatened again, when Abbas singled to right and was sacrificed to third on Omar's bunt, but a neat twin-killing by Gonzales, who tagged Madeen Arculli on a bunt, and tossed to Winglee nipped the Indian threat once more. Omar scored on Oscar Arculli's single.

Frankie Gonzales toed the rubber for the Saints and walked none but was nicked for 10 scattered bingles, whilst Kassa Nazarin, who also went the route for the Indians, conceded eight safeties, of which five were bunched in the fourth and fifth to account for both of the Collegian tallies. Nine Indians died on the sacks, while only six Saints were left stranded.

Wild Beginning

The Cyclone-Hong Kong Baseballers tilt, in which the former were downed by 8-6, took on a rather wild beginning, but the game soon tightened up, both sides playing shutout ball after the third inning. The wet ground was responsible to a large degree for the loose play, but the players soon found control.

Maxie Edwards, ace-moundsmen for the Baseballers, fanned three but handed out four free tickets to first, whilst Marmak, hurling for

SCOTS CAUSE UPSET

By "Grandstand"

In the Junior League, the Royal Scots provided the upset of the week by nosing out the more experienced Liga Portuguesa nine by 21-20, whilst the Cosmos downed the 8th. Heavy Battery in a 13-4 verdict.

The Royal Engineers, who were unable to field nine men, granted a forfeiture to the Chung Hwa squad. In the nightcap, the R.A.F. triumphed over the Central Britishers by 17 to 12, in a game featured by free-hitting on both sides, whilst key-one guardian Fittinghoff of the Britishers and Stewart, keeper of the hot-corner for the Airmen, both contributed to the high score, the former bobbling six times and the latter booting four.

Hemsley, toiling on the hillock for the Airmen, was found for 12 safeties, struck out two but passed one, while Smudge Smith, hurling for the Britishers, was combed for 14 safeties.

Tomashevsky's four-bagger was the longest clout of the day, whilst both Bittinghoff and Higgins batted safely three times in four. At the end of the fourth stanza, the score was knotted at 10-all, but a flock of six R.A.F. markers in the fifth spelled doom to the Britishers, who were only able to chalk up one more in each of the fifth and sixth.

Umpire "Doc" Molten called the game in the sixth due to failing light.

MATCH POSTPONED

The Second Division football match between the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and Kowloon Football Club, which is to be played at Kowloon on Saturday, has been postponed.

League Table To Date

SENIOR LEAGUE

	P.	W.	L.	Pctge.
Hong Kong Baseballers	5	4	1	.800
St. Joseph's	5	4	1	.800
Chinese Baseballers	3	2	1	.667
Cyclone Softball Club	6	3	2	.600
Indian Softball Club	4	2	2	.500
Recreio "A"	4	2	2	.500
Canadian Chinese	4	0	4	.000
Filipino Club	4	0	4	.000

GIRLS' LEAGUE

	P.	W.	L.	Pctge.
Canadian Chinese	4	4	0	1.000
Wildcats	4	4	0	1.000
Wahoos	5	4	1	.800
Baby Panthers	5	3	2	.600
Recreio-Ramblerettes	5	2	3	.400
Cardinals	4	1	3	.250
Chung Hwa	4	0	4	.000
Little Flowers	5	0	5	.000

"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

At 4.45 p.m. at King's Park tomorrow, the Y.M.C.A. "A" XI will play the Combined Small Units in a hockey match and will be represented by the former:

Benwell; Jordan and Saxby; Croft, Coombe and Smits; Gilchrist, Gemmell, Hitchcock, Morgan and Highlands. Reserves: Spencelayh.

On Saturday the Y.M.C.A. 1st XI will play against the Nomads at 4.15 p.m. at King's Park and the following will represent the Y.M.C.A.:

Benwell; Taylor and Yourieff; Croft, Coombe and Waldron; Smith, Gemmell, Hitchcock, Morgan and Dunne.

Also at King's Park on the same day, but at 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. 2nd XI will play against the R.A.M.C. The following will play for Y.M.C.A.:

Kileen; Dorner and Saxby; Grant, Tomlinson and Gorman; Gilchrist, Highlands, Spare, Ireson and McGahan. Reserves: Banks, Railton and Spencelayh.

GIRLS' LEAGUE

JEANNETTE YOLLE PITCHES WELL

By "Grandstand"

IN THE GIRLS' League, Wahoos, after displaying poor form for the last two weeks, staged a brilliant come-back on Sunday, by overwhelming the Baby Panthers by 11-6 in a game featured by the superb hurling of Jeannette "Blondie" Yolle, who was well backed by her team-mates, among whom Irene Castilho, handling eight fielding chances without a fumble, was the most prominent.

Jackie Anderson did a creditable hindersnatching job, and had the Panthers hugging the sacks, while only allowing three bases to be sneaked, after hair-breadth decisions.

Jeannette Yolle, on the slab fanned four but issued free transportation to two, and yielded six blows to the Panthers, of which three were bunched in the sixth to allow as many runs. Lelia Xavier, assuming mound duties for the Panther Kittens, whiffed three, but was nicked for nine blows, which included Jeannette's powerful circuit clout, the longest hit of the fracas.

Yvonne Yolle Shines

Batting honours go to first-sacker Yvonne Yolle, who was good for three safeties in her four trips, whilst Irene Castilho's two in three times included a two-bagger. The Panthers were without the service of Virginia Xavier, their regular short stop, and Celeste Marques took over the windy alley. Pint-sized Thelma Marques hauled down two difficult flies, but committed two costly errors.

In the fifth frame, Panther catcher Theresa Marques, sustained a finger injury and was replaced by Hilda Soares, who was unable to stop the Wahoo merry-go-round, allowing three passed balls, a tally counting each time.

Ramblerettes Too Good

In the other game, the Recreio Ramblerettes proved too good for the Florinhas and walked away with a 23-9 victory after out-hitting them 19-7. Short-stop Lolly Rodrigues, who afterwards took over pitching duties, had the best stickwork performance by hitting safely four times in six, whilst Ding Lopes' three safeties included a two-bagger. Second-sacker Cinny Remedios singled three times in five, whilst Norma Gonsalves was also good for two bingles, and spoilt a perfect bunt by stepping over the plate.

Lily Silva, on the mound for the Florinhas, fanned two and passed three, whilst first-string hurler Jerry Jorge of the Recreio Ramblerettes, whiffed two and passed one. Relief twirler Lolly Rodrigues accounted for three Florinhas via the strike-out route, but passed five.

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SHIFTING THE BLAME

Mussolini's Henchmen Condemn General Staff

Open Criticism In Italian Press

SHORT COMMONS FOR WAR PRISONERS

The Germans are providing insufficient food for British prisoners of war; further evidence to this effect was produced by Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for War, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Eden declared that in certain camps the ration scale allowed British prisoners was below that of German depot troops.

Declaring that strong representations were being made in the matter, Mr. Eden indicated that with the invaluable help of the International Red Cross, food and clothing were being transported to Germany for British prisoners.

Since last August, over 18,000 parcels addressed to British prisoners in Germany had been transmitted through the International Red Cross and in addition 149 tons of food were bought in bulk in Switzerland and sent to prisoner of war camps in Germany.

A further 170 tons had been ordered in Switzerland and was ready for despatch.—Reuter.

THE WORK OF THE Italian General Staff in the Greek campaign is now openly criticised in the Italian press, said the London "Daily Telegraph" in an editorial yesterday.

Farinacci, the Press Minister, has been directed to launch the first open criticism. He is evidently under orders to shift the blame for the failure from Mussolini's shoulders to someone else's — anyone else.

Unpreparedness and lack of foresight in general are the burden of his lament. As these failings are written large over the whole story of the four weeks war it may be assumed that the Italian people had made up their minds on the subject some time ago.

It has, at the same time, seemed good to the Fascist authorities to issue an order that when Italian war news is broadcast in public places the audience must listen standing.

SITUATION PERILOUS

This, according to one account, is because of the disrespectful attitude shown by listeners when these gems of attempted face-saving are given out by radio.

The situation is already disastrous for the Fascist regime and it is vital for Mussolini that it should be retrieved, and if this should be attempted with German help, of which there is still no sign, the moral situation would

be no sign, the moral situation would be little if at all improved. — Reuter.

AIR CHIEF FLIES OVER GREECE

Air Chief Marshal Longmore, Commander-in-Chief of the British Air Forces in the Middle East, has personally flown over many miles of Greek territory during a tour of inspection of the various units operating there.

This was revealed when he returned to Cairo yesterday.

At meetings with King George of Greece, General Metaxas and General Pagelos, Air Chief Marshal Longmore was thanked personally for the R.A.F.'s prompt assistance to Greece during her hour of need.

The tour of inspection gave Air Chief Marshal Longmore a very favourable impression of the efficiency of all personnel in adapting themselves to the changed conditions in which they were called on to operate at very short notice.

Between the Egyptian Desert and the Albanian and Greek mountains there was a great difference, and R.A.F. pilots welcome the changed flying conditions which add zest to their new work of harassing the retreating Italians and bombing fresh bases.

"We became slightly bored with such places as Benghazi and Tobruk, where we came to know practically every building," said some of the pilots. "We are glad to have a change in targets." — Reuter.

BRITISH AID TO ABYSSINIANS

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS ANXIOUS TO SEE ABYSSINIA LIBERATED FROM HER ITALIAN SUPPRESSORS, SAID THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS YESTERDAY.

The British Government, he said, has no territorial ambitions in Abyssinia, which it wishes to see free and independent.

Britain is, therefore, giving every assistance possible to those Abyssinians who have taken up arms against the common enemy. — Reuter.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Marriage between Gloria, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo D'Almada e Castro, and Alfonso, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Barreto, will take place at St. Teresa's Church, Kowloon, on Wednesday, December 4th, 1940, at 10.30 a.m. No invitations are being sent. All friends are welcome at the ceremony and afterwards to the reception at 284, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.

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GREEK THRUST INTO ALBANIA

SABOTAGE IN NORWAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was reported in Stockholm from Oslo yesterday that devastating mountain slides have virtually isolated all of west Norway.

The German authorities, declaring a partial state of emergency, have arrested several Norwegians reported to be saboteurs who caused the slides.

The Oslo-Bergen railway is blocked in ten places and main roads between Hardanger and Elde Fjord rendered useless.

German troop reinforcements are reported to have been rushed to outlying areas. — International News Service.

NAZI NAVY DOCKYARDS BOMBED

Intense darkness and persistent clouds hampered the work of our heavy bombers when they raided Kiel and Wilhelmshaven on Monday night.

At Kiel, states the Air Ministry news service, principal objectives were shipyards and at Wilhelmshaven naval works and dockyards.

The raids began before 7 p.m. and all aircraft of the first force arriving at Kiel spent an average of half an hour, cruising over the locks and floating docks before dropping bombs.

Through a gap in the cloud the pilot of one aircraft saw and bombed a group of docksides buildings by the water's edge, a short distance from the original target.

The pilots of other bombers later were able to report six explosions followed by fires.

Later another pilot saw very large fires to the west of Kiel Bay. He dropped bombs into the fires and saw a glow light up the clouds.

The gasworks at Kiel was also attacked.

Some pilots sought other targets. One mentioned how he saw his bombs burst on docks at Hamburg and watched the red glow caused by incendiaries.

Hollogland was also raided. — British Wireless.

WEATHER FORECAST: — North east winds, fresh; fine.

Italian Lines Speedily Becoming Untenable Stiffened Defence At Argyrokastron: May Be Isolated

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AERIAL OBSERVATIONS ON THE CENTRE FRONT INDICATE THAT THE ITALIAN LINES ARE SPEEDILY BECOMING UNTENABLE AND A GREAT GREEK BREAK THROUGH TO THE ADRIATIC BETWEEN DURAZZO AND VALONA WAS PREDICTED IN ATHENS YESTERDAY.

BRITAIN AND THE GOLD STANDARD

The Chancellor of the Exchequer stated in the House of Commons yesterday that subject to the exigencies of the war British monetary policy remained as set out in the Tripartite Monetary Agreement of September, 1939, and that a proposal to return to the gold standard had not been discussed between Mr. Henry Morgenthau, United States Secretary of Treasury, and British Treasury officials. — Reuter.

DAYLIGHT RAIDERS DRIVEN OFF

Once again Britain's coastal defences proved too good for daylight raiders for most of the few enemy aircraft crossing the south and south-east coasts yesterday were promptly shot down.

Two bombers and two fighter-bombers have been destroyed, says an Air Ministry communiqué, the R.A.F. suffering no losses in combat.

The communiqué adds that a bomb dropped in a coast town in Sussex did some damage to buildings and caused a few slight casualties. — Reuter.

Despite over 30,000 Italian reinforcements and scores of new Italian planes the Greek push is moving ahead rapidly through rain and mud in the lowlands and heavy snow in the mountains.

Italian resistance in any strength is apparent only on the extreme south-west, between Argyrokastron and the sea, where strengthened Italian forces have been ordered to hold on at all costs.

This force, too, faces isolation, with the Greeks smashing rapidly westward from Moshkopolis, where a crack regiment just brought over from Rome and immediately thrown into the fight was dispersed.

It is reported that the Italian plight is so serious that Marshal Badoglio has been sent to Tirana for a conference with his generals.

Thrusting Deep

Main Greek design at present appears to isolate as many Italians as possible rather than try and over-run Albania too rapidly.

They probably intend to ac-

MEXICAN TROUBLE BREWING?

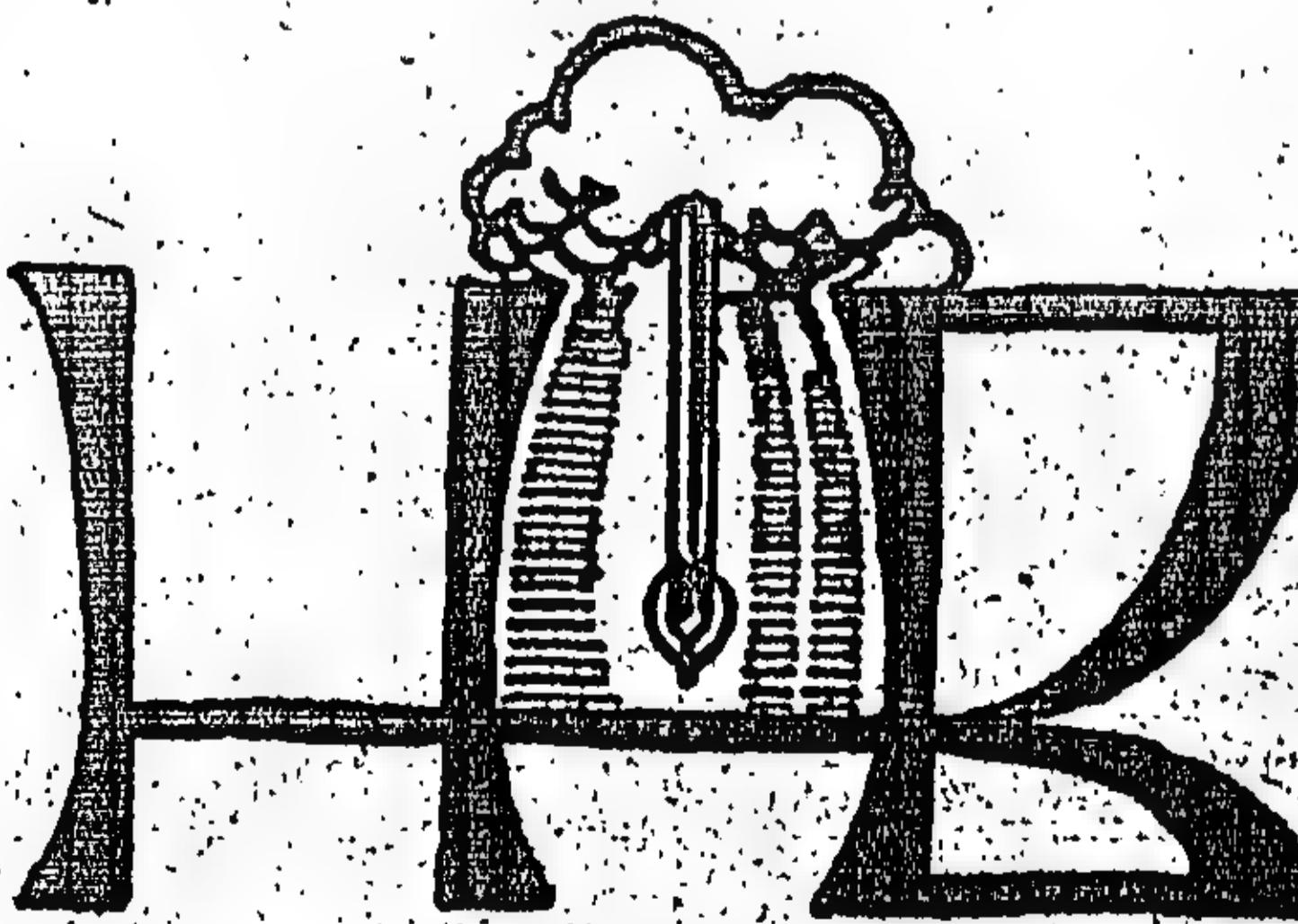
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

General Juan Almazan, who was defeated in the recent Mexican presidential election but refused to recognise the result, dramatically and unexpectedly arrived in Mexico City yesterday by plane.

General Almazan's whereabouts had been a puzzle for weeks, and his sudden appearance has led to speculation on his next move.

Meanwhile, 100,000 cheering Mexicans yesterday greeted Mr. Henry A. Wallace, United States Vice-President-Elect, when he arrived at Monterrey as the first United States envoy ever sent for a Presidential inauguration in Mexico. — International News Service.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

German Effort To Persuade Chiang Kai-shek To Peace

Washington Comment On Far East

THE FAR EAST shared honours with the European war in the American press yesterday, with considerable interest attached in Washington to reports from Shanghai of Axis pressure being applied on Chungking in an endeavour to persuade General Chiang Kai-shek to seek peace with Japan.

It is not expected they will be successful, however, for all indications in Washington are that China intends to continue the struggle against the Far Eastern representative of the Axis.

BRITISH POLICY IN BALKANS

Britain's attitude towards Bulgaria during the present Balkan tension was the subject of a statement in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who spoke on behalf of Lord Halifax.

The British Government, he said, welcomed the opportunity to state that if Bulgaria does not join or assist, either actively or passively, our enemies or attack our allies, the British Government intends to do its best to ensure that in any eventual peace settlement in which Britain participates, the integrity and independence of Bulgaria will be respected.

In this connection, it will be recalled that when Bulgaria got Southern Dobruja from Rumania by peaceful negotiation, the British Government expressed the view that the Bulgarian claim was well founded.

It is understood that Mr. Butler's reference to Bulgaria's "integrity and independence" refers to this. — Reuter.

Indeed, the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Hu Shih, and Mr. T. V. Soong interviewed the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, yesterday, and while details of their talks have not been disclosed, there is reason to believe China's representatives laid down the help desired to enable China to carry on the struggle against Japan.

Reports that China has asked for a loan totalling \$200,000,000 are unconfirmed but it would not be surprising if at least \$50,000,000 are provided.

Some observers expect Japanese recognition of Wang Ching-wei's regime would accelerate the announcement of further help for China.

Admiral Nomura's Interview

Also creating much interest in Washington was the interview given by Admiral Nomura in Tokyo on his appointment as Ambassador to the United States, but official comment on the interview remains non-committal.

At his press conference yesterday Mr. Cordell Hull refused to be drawn into direct comment on Admiral Nomura's statements, confining himself to the remark that everyone knows the American position is that international relations should be based on law — a statement which some observers take as a reminder that the United States does not consider Japan's foreign policy has always conformed with this prescription.

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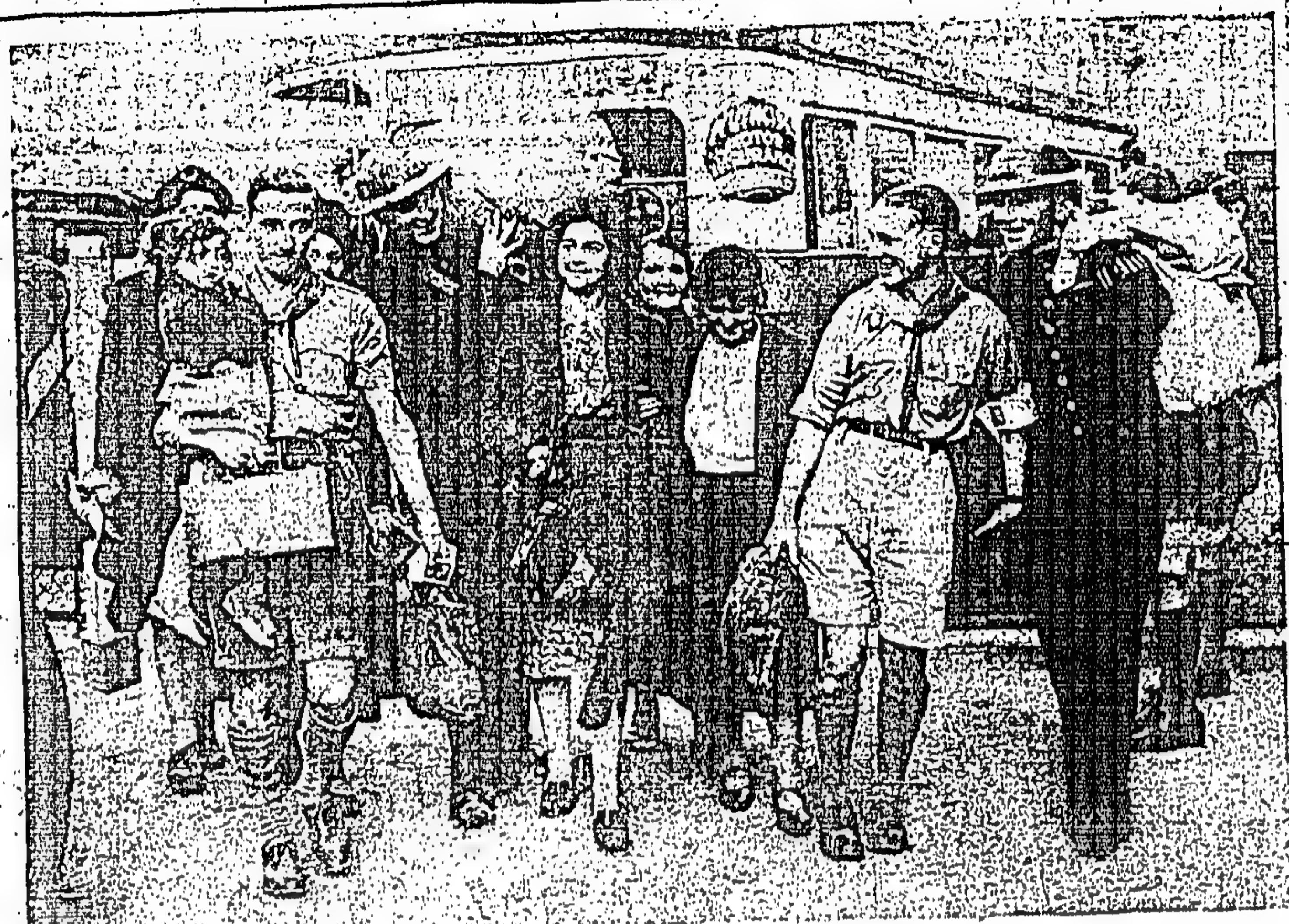
There is a general feeling in Washington that Admiral Nomura is probably the best qualified envoy Japan could send to Washington but there will be much interest to see how the Ambassador can reconcile Japan's policy in China, for instance, with his statement that all Oriental nations must continue free and unrestricted intercourse with other countries.

The feeling remains in Washington that Japan's actions have been speaking infinitely louder than her words.

Sitting On Lid

The influential "Washington Post" takes the opportunity of Prince Saionji's passing to say that he spent his days "sitting on the lid of ebullient Nippon" and when he saw the modern Japan he helped build, going back to feudalism "there was nothing to do but die."

The New York "Herald-Tribune" says the death of Prince Saionji would have been a heavy loss to Japan if she laterly had been in a mood to avail herself of his vast experience and mellow wisdom. The thought is inescapable, it adds, that having been kept alive to a great age by the will to serve the nation he helped build,



With the typical cheery spirit of the Britisher, people who have been rendered homeless by Hitler's wild bombing raids, soon find shelter and many helping hands are ready to attend to their comfort. Photo shows Rover Scouts herding people to new homes at a clearing station in North London. (Copyright, Fox.)

DR. HU HSIH DECLINES TO COMMENT

Following one of his infrequent interviews with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, the Chinese Ambassador in Washington, Dr. Hu Shih, told newspapermen yesterday he hoped for further United States aid to China.

Accompanying Dr. Hu Shih was Mr. T. V. Soong, who has been in Washington several months on financial negotiations.

They declined to discuss the possibility of an additional United States Government loan except to say they constantly hoped for increasing aid.

Dr. Hu Shih, meanwhile, revealed that a Chinese air mission under Brigadier-General Mao Pang-tso is in the United States studying aeronautical development with a view to co-ordinating Chinese purchases in the United States. — Reuter.

HOME FOOD PRODUCTION

THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED THAT THERE MUST BE A FURTHER INCREASE IN THE HOME PRODUCTION OF FOOD, IN ORDER TO SAVE VALUABLE SHIPPING SPACE.

The Minister of Agriculture told the House of Commons yesterday that it has been decided that the present system of fixed prices and an assured market will be maintained for the duration of the war, and for least one year afterwards.

The Government, he said, recognises the importance of maintaining a healthy and well-balanced agricultural programme after the war. — Reuter.

The knowledge that he was no longer permitted to serve by the headstrong men who have hitched Japan's wagon to Hitler's flaming comet broke the old sage's will to live. — Reuter.

CURIOUS FEATURES OF THE RAID ON COVENTRY

TWO CURIOUS FEATURES of the raid last week on Coventry were mentioned by Air Marshal Sir Phillip Joubert in a broadcast yesterday.

One was that the number of German bombers used was less than we should have expected, that is, if our figures for Germany's first-line strength in the air are correct.

BERLIN PROTESTING TOO MUCH?

The Germans, without any particular reason that can be observed outside Berlin, yesterday protested rather loudly that Der Fuehrer is not planning any "peace offensive."

The German news agency was brought in to deny reports said to be current in the United States of German plans for a compromise peace.

The German news agency says that these reports are entirely without foundation.

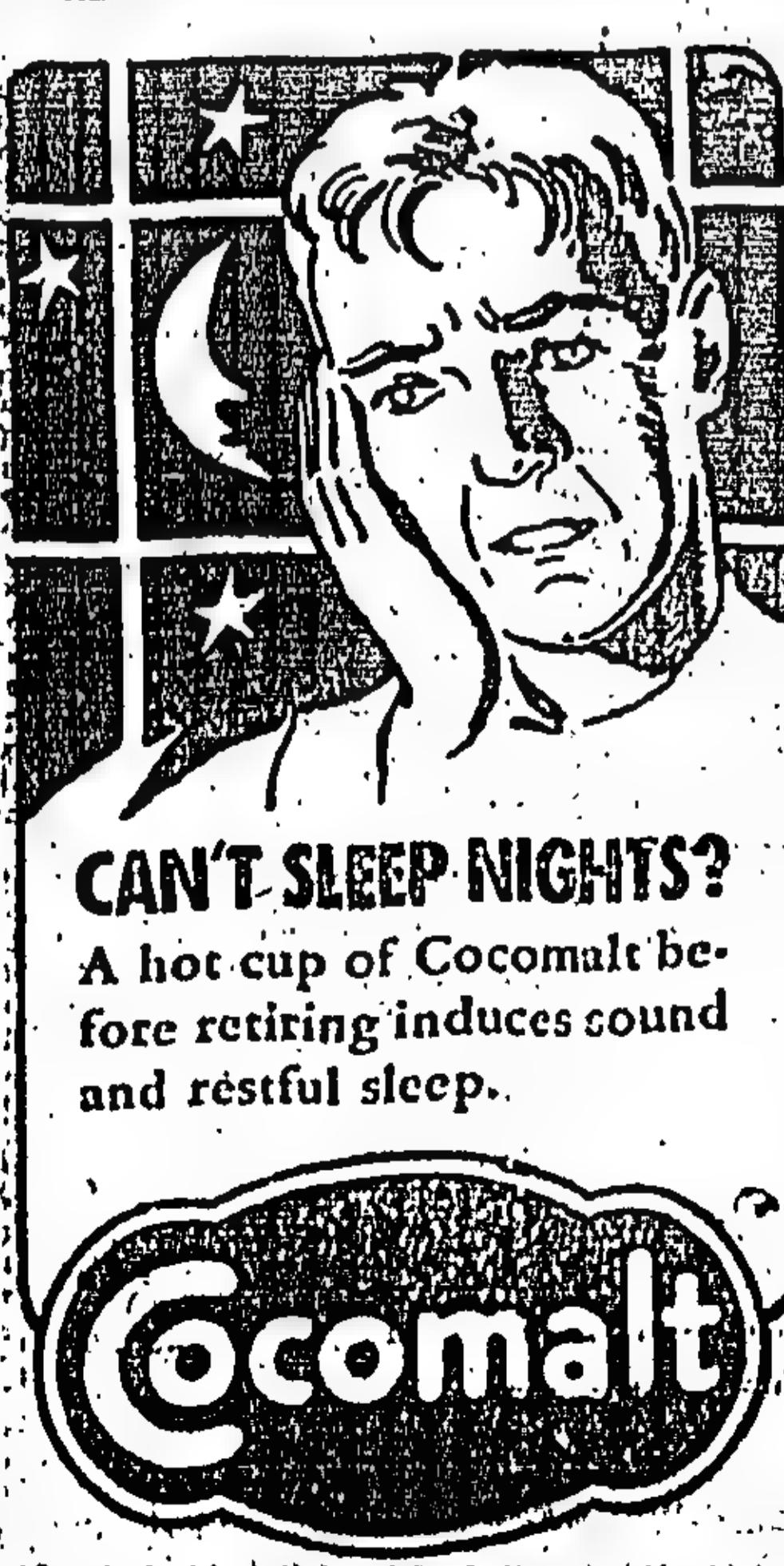
If German thoughts are turning towards the possibility of calling off the war, there is no such thought in Britain.

Mr. Churchill made this clear when he told the House of Commons yesterday that the British Government will not consent even to the possibility of a Christmas truce. — Reuter.

EAST AFRICA'S LOAN TO BRITAIN

The entire proceeds of the first East African War Loan, which will be floated on December 17 will be re-lent to the Imperial Government.

This was announced by the Governor in Nairobi yesterday when he opened the budget session of the Legislature. — Reuter.



HARASSING ITALIAN RETREAT

R.A.F. Add Confusion To Transport Columns

Defeat Now Becoming A Rout

R.A.F. AIRCRAFT CONTINUED TO ASIST THE GREEK ADVANCE IN ALBANIA BY HARASSING THE RETREATING ITALIANS, STATED AN R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

Three large motor transport vehicles were set on fire and many others damaged and overturned by the roadside while many mules were killed.

Casualties among infantry are believed to have been heavy; whole columns were thrown into panic and confusion.

Other convoys were attacked, bombs falling on motor transport and pack mules.

At Argyrocastron stores were bombed and damaged.

Reconnaissances were carried out over Sicily, Taranto and Bari.

Assab Fires

In Italian East Africa, attacks were made on a large motor transport yard near Assab. A large fire was started the smoke or which was visible 20 miles away. This was close to a fire started the previous day.

Photographs taken confirm the extent of the damage. Our aircraft returned safely from all operations.

Two enemy air raids on Malta on Sunday and Monday resulted in one Italian fighter being damaged by A.A. fire on Sunday. Enemy aircraft on Monday made off before they could be intercepted. — Reuter.

SHIPPING LOSSES PROBLEM

APPEALING TO FARMERS FOR INCREASED PRODUCTION OF VENAL FOODSTUFFS, MR. R. S. HUDSON, MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, IN A BROADCAST LAST NIGHT SAID THE EFFORT BRITAIN MUST NOW MAKE TO COVER SHIPPING LOSSES WAS GREATER THAN HAD BEEN CONTEMPLATED IN MAY OR AUGUST, "BUT IT CAN BE DONE."

Mr. Hudson said that when ships were lost by enemy action Britain lost not only the cargoes they were carrying but the cargoes they would have carried on future voyages.

In addition every ship taken to support the war effort in the Mediterranean and Middle East meant one ship less to carry food and feeding-stuffs.

"We have to think not only of the situation to-day but what might well be this time next year," he declared. — Reuter.

REPAIRING AIR RAID DAMAGE

MR. EDEN SAID YESTERDAY THAT TO HELP IN REPAIRING AIR RAID DAMAGE, THE ARMY IS RELEASING 3,000 BUILDING OPERATORS AT THE REQUEST OF THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND BUILDINGS.

Lord Woolton, the Minister of Food, said earlier that there is now an organisation ready in every town to feed the population in the event of heavy air raid damage.

There will be a slight shortage of milk, he said, largely due to climatic conditions, but it will not last long and it is not worthwhile bringing in any rationing scheme. — Reuter.

ATTEMPT TO SEND REINFORCEMENTS BROKEN UP

STRONG ITALIAN attempts to send reinforcements to Podgradetz, north of Koritzo, have been broken up by the R.A.F., enabling the Greeks to capture the town and to push on towards the coast.

Other Greek forces in northern Albania have been thrusting to the west of Koritzo, a reconnaissance party travelling over 30 miles westwards without finding any Italian troops.

At Moshkopolis, the colours of three Italian battalions were taken.

The Greek advance towards Argyrocastron has met with some opposition from Italian reinforcements.

Greek forces on the coast have advanced further and others have been landed, probably from ships off Corfu. They are behind the Italian front lines in this sector and have cut the lines of communication. The Italians are sending as many reinforcements as possible and have probably despatched about two divisions since the fighting began.

In one place, the Greeks captured a Commanding Officer and his staff, two company commanders and the whole of the equipment of the Italians, which rather suggests that the morale of this unit was not very high.

Confirmation has been received of Greek reports that the Italians have wantonly burned villages behind them and have shot some civilians and taken others off as hostages.

Although the Italian air bases have been rendered ineffective by the R.A.F., the Italians have lost none of their skill in the slaughtering of civilians.

Several Greek towns and villages have suffered from Fascist air attacks. Although a number of civilian casualties are reported, there is little material damage. — Reuter.

CHINESE SEAMEN'S WAGES

MR. VERNON BARTLETT ASKED THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY WHETHER A DANGER BONUS HAD NOW BEEN GRANTED TO CHINESE SEAMEN AND IF SO HOW THE AMOUNT COMPARES WITH THE BONUS GRANTED TO BRITISH SEAMEN.

Mr. Ronald Cross, the Minister,

GERMAN CHANGE OF TUNE

The firm attitude adopted by Bulgaria and Turkey, coupled with reactions to the Italian retreat, has brought changes in German tactics in the Balkans.

Since Turkey met Nazi Ambassador von Papen's threats by increasing her defence measures, the Germans have calmed down, and the German radio said yesterday that the political tension there has been eased by the conversation between the Turkish Foreign Minister and von Papen. — Reuter.



The first of the Ministry of Food communal feeding centres in the South London area which has recently been opened has proved popular among the homeless who have nowhere to cook. This picture was taken during a visit to the centre, where a good meal can be obtained for sixpence a head. Photo shows young callers leaving with hot meals — at sixpence a head. (Copyright, Fox).

NO CHANGE IN ULSTER POLICY

Continuity in Ulster's foreign policy was emphasised by the new

Prime Minister, Mr. J. M. Andrews, in the Ulster House of Commons yesterday when he paid a tribute to the late Lord Craigavon.

Lord Craigavon's greatness, said Mr. Andrews, was never revealed more clearly than in the last two years when he assured the Imperial Government of Ulster's support whatever might happen, thus rightly interpreting the mind of the Ulster people.

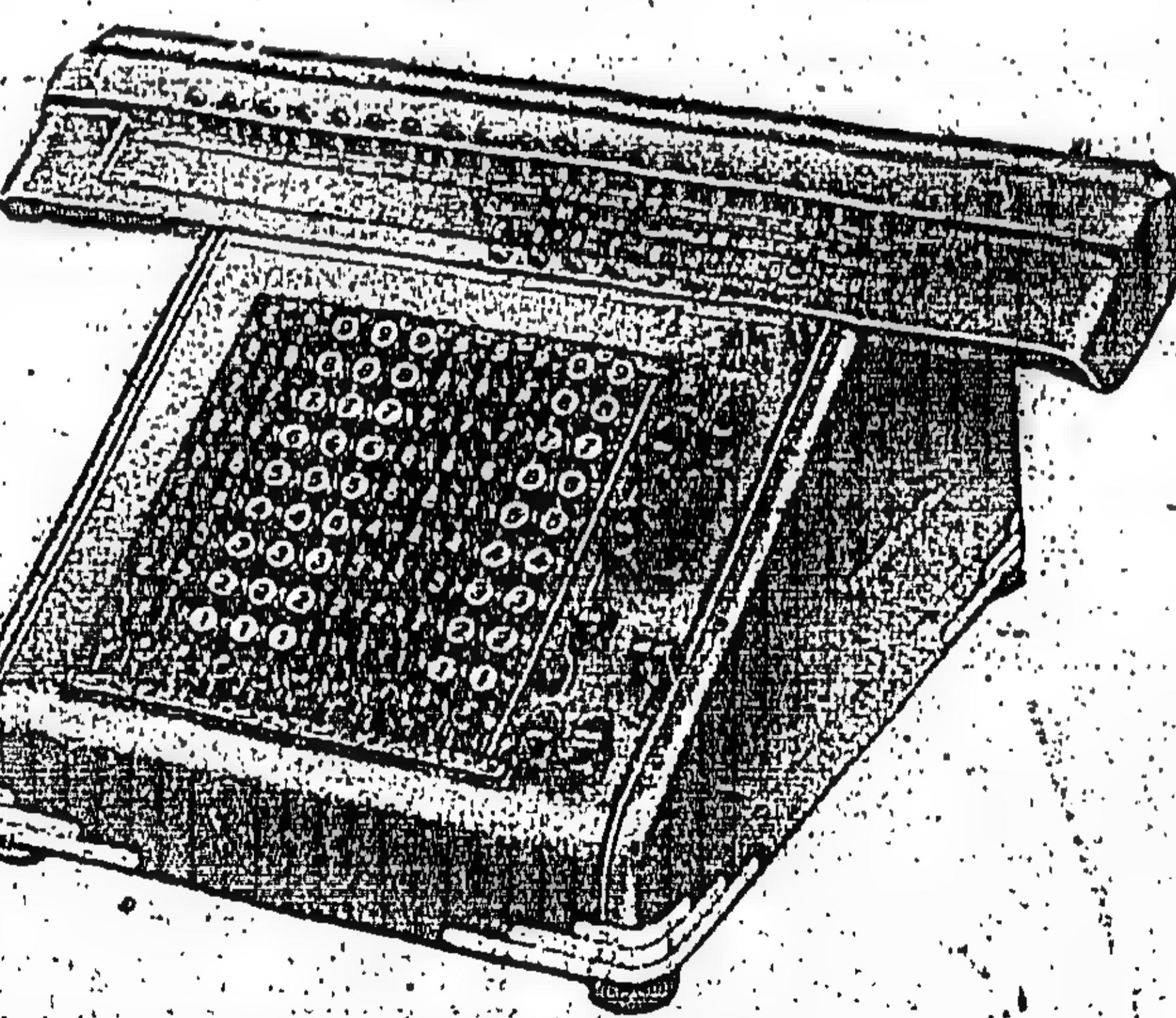
Less than a month ago Lord Craigavon said in the House: "Northern Ireland, please God, under the old flag and under the King and Constitution, will carry on."

Mr. Andrews added: "I make those words my own. Northern Ireland will carry on and within the British Empire Ulster will play its part in the post-war world." — Reuter.

replying, said that while a bonus in name was usually paid to Chinese, the percentage increase in Chinese seamen's wages since the outbreak of war was a good deal higher than the percentage increase in British seamen's wages. — Reuter.

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DEATH OF LORD ROOTHERMERE

NEWS WAS RECEIVED in London last night of the death in Bermuda of the age of 72 of Lord Rothermere, the well-known newspaper magnate and financier.

Lord Rothermere went to America in May on a special mission at the request of Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production.

His health began to fail and he received treatment in a New York clinic. Later he went to Bermuda to recuperate but here had a relapse. — Reuter.

Lord Rothermere was born Harold Sidney Harmsworth and was the son of a barrister in London. He was a younger brother of the late Lord Northcliffe, who founded modern journalism.

Lord Rothermere owned the "Daily Mail," "Daily Mirror," "Evening News," "Sunday Dispatch" and many provincial journals.

In the last war he was Director-General of the Army Clothing Department from 1916-17 and first Secretary of State for Air from 1917-18.

He was created a Baronet in 1910 and was given a Barony in 1914. In 1917 he was made a Privy Councillor and two years later was raised to the Viscountcy.

AMERICA'S REPRESENTATIVE IN ROME

Mr. Alexander Kirk has been appointed United States Charge d'Affaires in Rome with Ministerial rank.

Mr. Kirk until recently was Charge d'Affaires in Berlin.

He has already left for Lisbon by air en route to the Italian capital. — Reuter.

PATROLS ACTIVE IN GALLABAT ZONE

In the area east of Gallabat and north-east of Kassala in the Sudan "our patrols were again active," said a communiqué issued from G.H.Q. in Cairo yesterday.

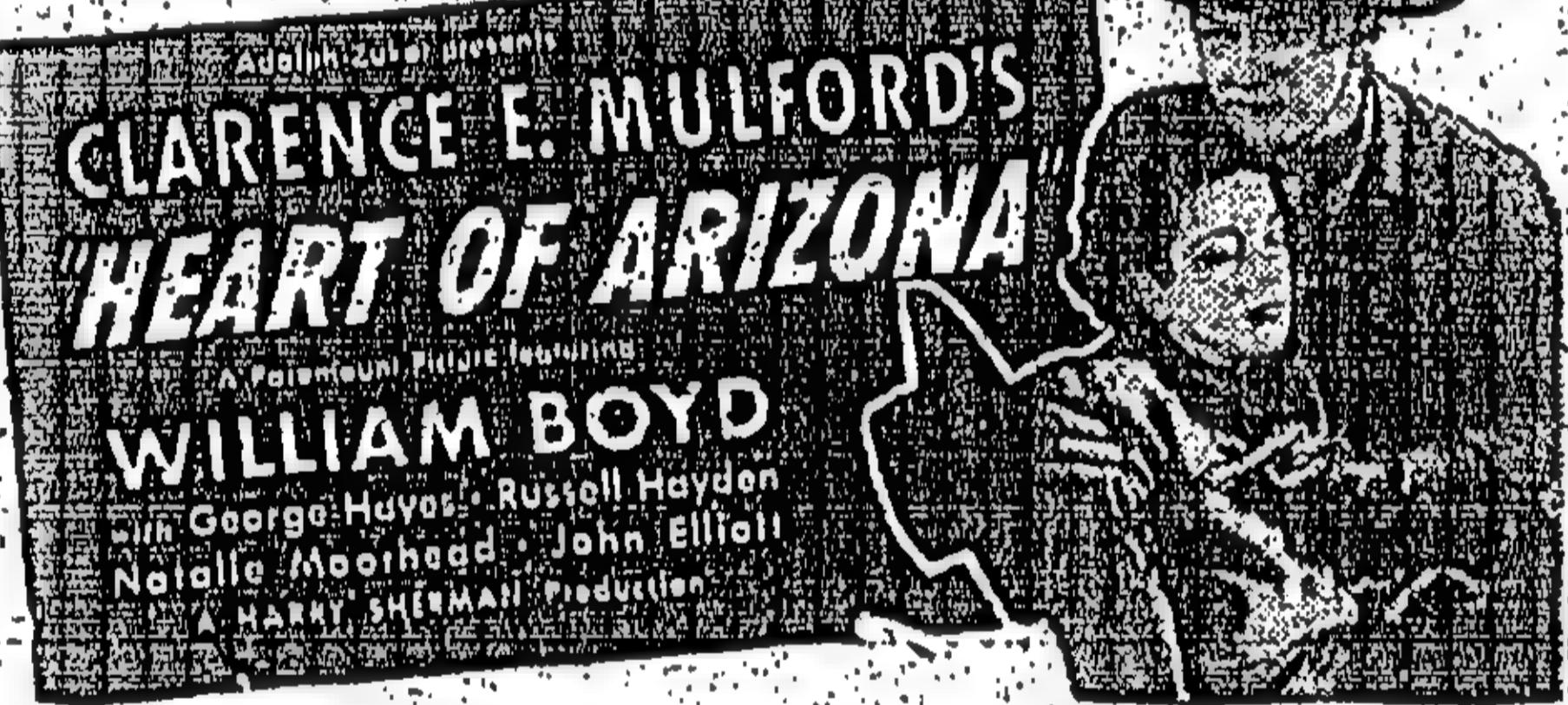
The communiqué added that on other fronts there was nothing to report. — Reuter.

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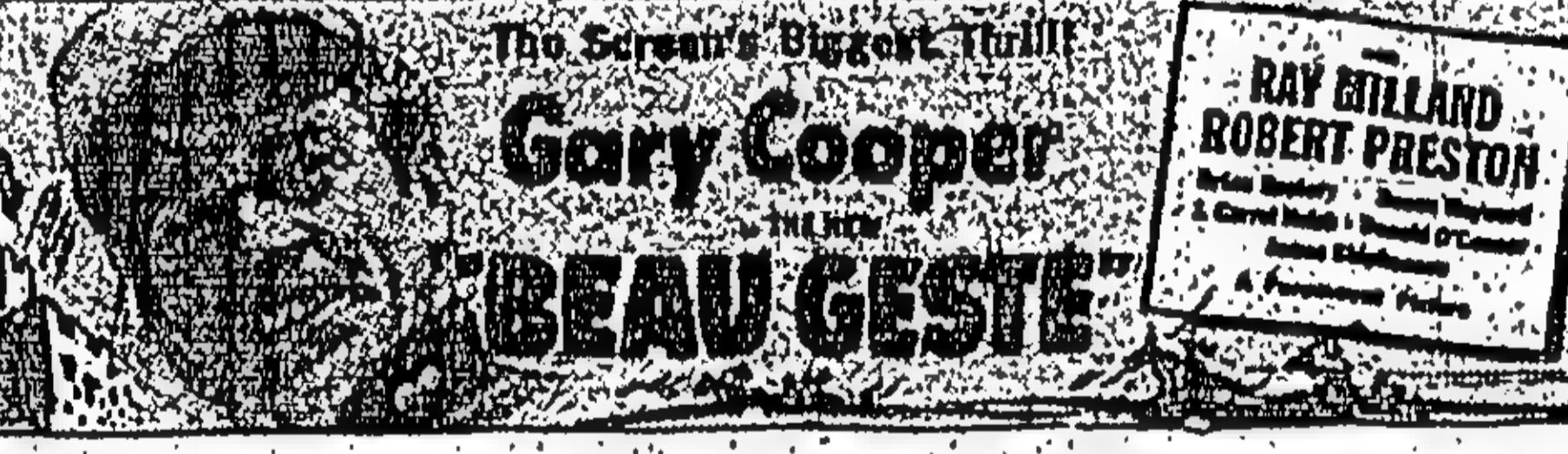
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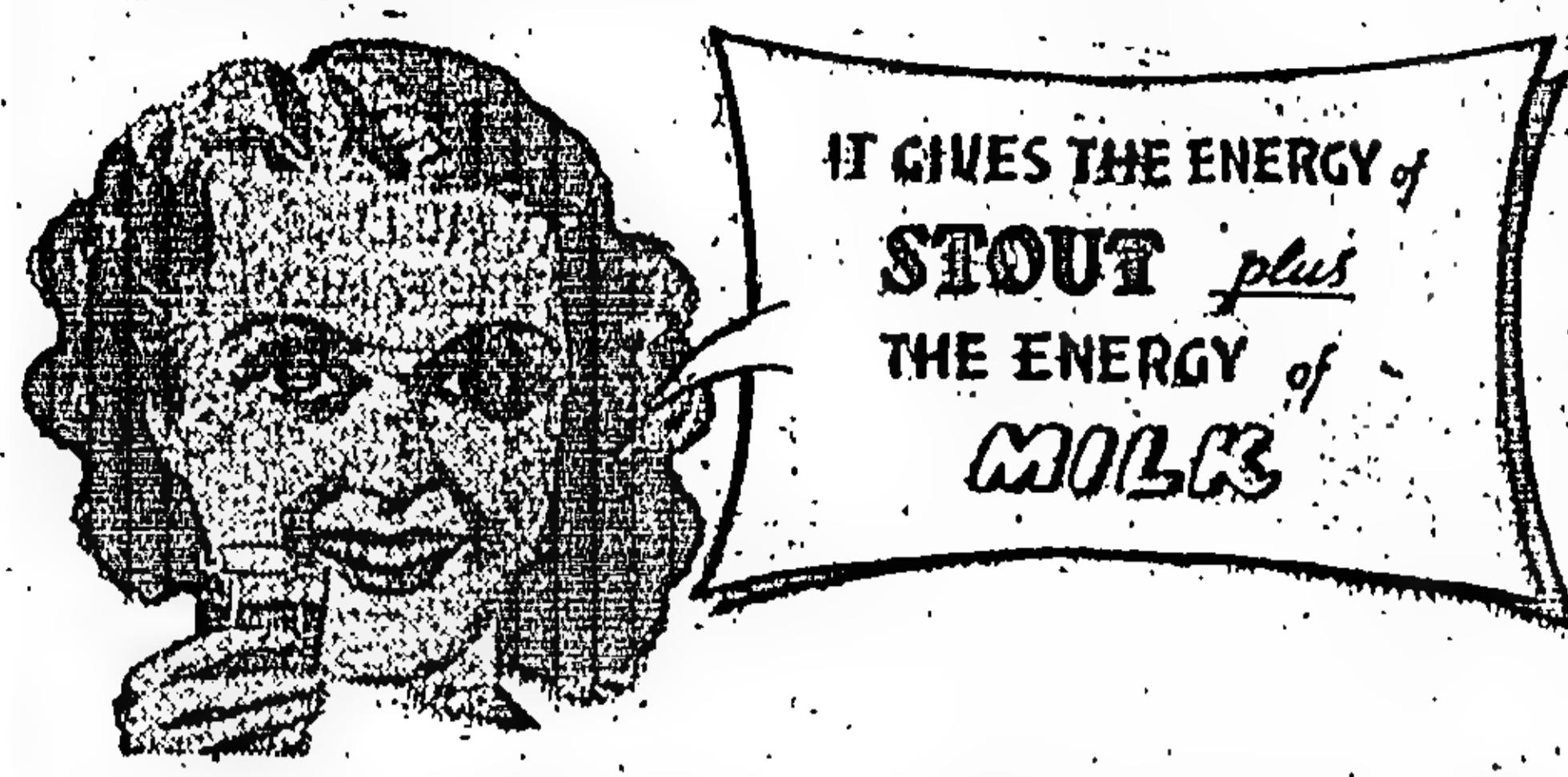
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DORNIER BLOWN TO SMITHEREENS BY TRAWLER

A SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER told press representatives in London yesterday something of the dogged fighting devotion to duty of officers and crews of trawlers, fleet sweepers and paddle minesweepers in fighting German mines round Britain's coasts.

The work, he said, continued day and night. The task was also complicated by air attack and the officer recounted how when he went with a sweeper flotilla to clear a channel for a convoy a Messerschmidt swooped down dropping bombs.

"The whole flotilla opened fire and we turned her away at 2,000 feet but not before she dropped two bombs so close that we saw them coming down."

Another danger was that of hitting mines on the sea-bed while pitching in shallow water.

The officer had a dramatic story of three trawlers, Correa, Berberis and Fleming, which set out on a sweeping mission.

Heinkel For Breakfast

The captain at the base, who makes a practice of personally bidding God-speed to sweepers, said: "Goodbye. Bring me back a Heinkel for breakfast."

Fleming was attacked by two Dorniers, received a direct hit and sank.

The skipper went to the bottom in the wheelhouse, smashed the glass and came up. Twenty-four hours after rescue he was back on duty.

Berberis held her fire until one was very close then blew it to smithereens. They were able to save only the collapsible boat which they towed and put on the captain's doorstep for breakfast with the officers and crew of Berberis.

The speaker made an interesting point that the man who shot down the Dornier was a wild fowler in civilian life, and stated that such men should be encouraged to form A.A. squadrons. — British Wireless.

PUBLIC HEALTH IN SHELTERS

Discussion in the press yesterday shows the continued public anxiety to see health conditions and amenities in air raid shelters still improved on the lines of the Horder Committee Report.

There is general agreement that there has been a marked change for the better in the great majority of shelters but there remain a small number where conditions present are sufficiently far from satisfactory to cause concern and some indignation.

In a leading article devoted to the question "The Times" points out that such cases are nearly always traceable to the conflicting and ill-defined responsibilities of a multiplicity of authorities. While in a few cases elementary reforms in sanitation and ventilation are still delayed the Report shows that over a wide field of shelter policy considerable progress is being made and health and comfort are not allowed entirely to overshadow cultural and recreative amenities.

In Perspective

Musical and other entertainments are being arranged in shelters and a library of five thousand books has been brought together for the use of shelterers.

At the same time, these problems must be seen in perspective of the fact that less than fifteen per cent. of the population of London are estimated to have recourse to public shelters. — British Wireless.

Having It Both Ways

The German press is making much of General Metaxas' statement on Friday when he said: "We are fighting not only for our country but also for the other Balkan States and for the liberation of Albania."

Calling this speech dangerous, the semi-official organ of the German Foreign Office, "Diplomatico Politische Korrespondenz," wrote: "General Metaxas thereby openly confesses himself to be the tool of British policy for extending the war."

But in authoritative circles in Berlin it is still maintained that German relations with Greece are unchanged. — Reuter.

HUSBANDS' PETITION CABLED

A meeting of the Evacuation Representative Committee was held at the Peninsula Hotel last evening and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. C. Clemo, issued the following statement after the Meeting:

"The Petition has been constitutionally drawn up and placed in the hands of local Government and transmitted in full by cable to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Copies will be circulated in due course to all those who have registered their names.

"An Emergency Committee Meeting will be held immediately a reply is received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

"A number have not yet registered and they should do so as soon as possible. Forms can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, K.P.O. Box No. 1628.

"Financial aspects of the Evacuation will be thoroughly investigated at the next Meeting to be held at 5.15 p.m. on the 10th December. It has been considered necessary in view of the many items under this heading to confine the meeting only to this subject."

ITALIANS ARRESTED IN THE CONGO

The Governor-General of Belgian Congo announced in Elisabethville yesterday that Belgium now considers herself at war with Italy.

All Italians regarded as suspects have been arrested in Léopoldville and Elisabethville. — Reuter.

JAPANESE VIOLATION OF BORDER

It is officially confirmed that Japanese aircraft flew over British territory near the border yesterday afternoon, being observed in the region of Kwanti Racecourse.

ARP. SOCIAL GATHERING ON ANNIVERSARY

"Like the Boy Scouts, 'Be Prepared and Do A Good Deed A Day' . . . I hope when the strain of war passes away, this movement will not end but go on!" declared Wing-Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of A.R.P.

"I consider District 'A' my particular 'baby' for I conceived it," remarked Major C. Chapman.

"This is the only A.R.P. District in Hong Kong which has attained 75 per cent. of its required strength," pointed out Mr. G. A. Pentreath, Chief Air Raid Warden.

"Every Warden must do his or her duty. . . . In working for others you are working for yourself," advised Mr. Lau King-tsing.

These extracts are from speeches made at the first anniversary of District 'A' of the Central Division which was commemorated at a dinner party at the Sun Kee Yuen Restaurant last night.

Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins congratulated the District on the progress made during the past year. "To my mind," he said, "the A.R.P. movement should, and I hope will, continue after the war, and it is my endeavour to support that spirit of friendship which exists."

Mr. B. H. Puckle, Deputy Director of A.R.P., Mr. A. E. Gerondal, Deputy Chief Air Raid Warden, Mr. S. E. Boxer, Mr. R. Dornier, Deputy Divisional Warden, and Mr. Aonett were also present at the function.

The annual report was read by Dr. Lai Do-man, District Warden.

JAPANESE TAKE AWAY LICENCES

Further seizures of Hong Kong junk licences from fishing junks by Japanese naval craft outside the Colony Waters were revealed in police reports this morning.

Licences were taken from two Hong Kong registered fishing junks off the San Mun Customs House last Wednesday whilst the junk people were fishing in the vicinity.

SIR FREDERICK MAZE IN COLONY

Sir Frederick Maze, Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs in Shanghai, is at present in Hong Kong, having arrived from Manila. He is taking a short holiday and will depart for Shanghai on Friday.

Mr. S. Yano, newly-appointed Japanese Consul-General for Hong Kong, arrived in the Colony to-day in the s.s. Kamo Maru.

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NAZI SETBACK

The diplomatic bombshell for which Nazi propaganda prepared the world during the Molotov visit to Berlin has shrunk to the adherence of Hungary, Rumania and Slovakia to the Tokyo-Axis Pact; providing a degree of anti-climax which is as comforting as it is significant. Even dull-witted Germans who believe everything they read in their State-dictated newspapers must puzzle over the precise gain to the power and might of Germany that has been achieved by a diplomatic flurry terminating in the signatures of three already completely subservient States to Hitler's line-up against the villainous British.

The conclusion to be drawn fairly leaps out of the procession of events. It is, of course, that M. Molotov's trip to Berlin was a dismal failure from the German viewpoint, and that Ribbentrop had to do some quick thinking to show anything at all.

Were there any doubt about the setback, it would appear to be removed by the sudden interest of Moscow Radio in last week's debate in the Bulgarian Parliament. Emphasis throughout the Soviet version of the proceedings was upon the pro-Soviet and the anti-German feelings expressed during the discussion;

and upon the sharp criticism by several Deputies of King Boris's visit to Berchtesgaden. Direct result, too, apparently, was cancellation of the proposed visit to Berlin of the Bulgarian Premier and the Foreign Minister, who stayed in Sofia for talks with Soviet representatives.

The Kremlin, in fact, has not only flatly contradicted the German attempt to suggest that Russia approved Hungary's accession to the Axis-Tokyo Pact (giving the German Army right of passage through Hungary to Yugoslavia, if Hitler so decreed), but has given Hitler fair warning that an attack on Greece through Bulgaria would be regarded by Russia as an unfriendly act. The diplomatic pressure of the Soviet has been ex-

The Soldier Of India

On Duty

In attempting to say something about the part now being played by the Army in India in this latest war, I know that I shall find many who from personal knowledge can underline my sentiments and endorse my appreciation. Australian contacts with India are close. Has not the "waler" been the medium of introduction of Australian horse lovers to the officers and men of the cavalry in India? Australian officers have long been seconded for service with the Indian Army. Above all, my old comrades of Anzac have no need to be told of the valour of the Indian Mountain Batteries, the Gurkhas and the 14th Sikhs honoured by all who fought alongside of them on the Gallipoli peninsula. To-day the Indian Army is profoundly gratified by the knowledge that, in this war, the gallant foe of those Gallipoli days is our staunch friend.

When I read of the Russian invasion of Finland and could see how strongly the Imperial ambitions of the Czars were rising in the breast of Stalin, my mind was

land and disturbed the sleep of Foreign Secretaries in Simla for several decades.



Army Strength

The Army in India, which embraces the British units serving

By Field-Marshal Lord Birdwood,

G.C.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., C.I.E., D.S.O.

in that country and the Indian Army, with strengths respectively of about 50,000 and 150,000 in peacetime, has for its main function the defence of India against outside aggression. Misunder-

standing in India in holding the rugged fastnesses of that difficult terrain has given India a sure shield against the aggressor. So successful has this watch and ward been, that I often think that India herself—peacefully working out her political salvation over the expanse of a vast sub-continent—does not realise its vital importance. Such vigilance is not lightly purchased. Even when the Empire is at peace British and Indian soldiers are on active service in the north-west, whether in the torrid fierce heat of the Frontier summer or in the bitter cold of its snow-capped hills in the winter.

In the problem of Frontier defence, prime preoccupation arises over the situation in that independent tribal territory—a "no man's land" where there are 600,000 fighting men, half of whom at least are armed with modern rifles. Bound together loosely by a common Pathan blood, these tribesmen are split up into clans which owe no allegiance to any one accepted leader. Their problem is mainly economic. The country

Meanwhile, especially when the Empire is at war, the watch on the Frontier must be a heavy responsibility for the Army in India. To-day Afghanistan, independent and member of the League of Nations, is a true friend of Great Britain, but beyond Afghanistan lies Soviet Russia, and Russian intrigues on the Frontier, and indeed in Afghanistan itself, is a plant of long and persistent growth. In the last war Germany made pertinacious attempts to shake the then Amir Habibullah of Afghanistan from his sage policy of friendship with India. Those attempts ignominiously failed. The story cannot be too faithfully remembered.



Keynote Of Service

In this task of defending India, British and Indian officers and men have a wonderful comradeship. It strikes the keynote of service in the Indian Army, and I account myself fortunate in having enjoyed its privilege ever since as a subaltern from a British Cavalry Regiment, I entered the 11th Bengal Lancers, now the 5th King Edward's Own Probyn's Horse, well over 50 years ago. My family's close association with India for nearly 150 years is a matter of great pride to me, covering as it does service in the Army as well as in the Civil Service. In writing about the Army I do not discuss politics—a soldier has no politics—but I have never permitted my military life to cut me off from study of the Indian administration. My old colleagues in the Indian Legislature will, I think, hear me out in the assertion that I have been a whole-hearted champion of India's advance toward self-government within the Empire which the Indian Army has served so gallantly—997 decorations were won by that Army in the Great War—and which has greatly benefited the moral and material progress of India. The cooperation of British and Indians in the Civil Services has been as splendid as that in the Army itself and has made notable contributions to the consolidation of Indian policy, for the good of the many peoples of that country.



India At Her Best

The Army side of Indian life is naturally most, indeed I may say very, familiar to me. In some ways the British officer in that Army sees India at her best. He enjoys the companionship in war, in sport, in the countryside of Indian comrades, who, by tradition, temperament, and family ties are bound whole-heartedly to the service of the King-Emperor under the Commander-in-Chief. As Commander-in-Chief myself I knew how much that meant. Drawn from martial classes, mostly of peasant stock, the men of the Indian Army are of the finest type which India produces. For them the duty of defending the community with the sword is paramount. They are no mere swashbucklers. Underlying their martial spirit is the thirst and domesticity of the yeoman or peasant. When the Indian soldier goes on service, whether in wartime or on garrison duty overseas, the manner in which he remits substantial sums of money to his people at home is an object-lesson in conjugal or filial piety. It explains, too, the traditions which bring recruits to the Army to the third and fourth generation.

Unruly Tribes

In handling these unruly tribes the Government has a two-fold policy. It establishes military posts linked up with roads in certain dominating points in the territory, and gives the tribesmen the opportunity of sharing in the policing of the country by a system of recruitment as road guardians with allowances. Order is thus maintained on lines which do not weigh too heavily upon tribal turbulence.

By thus allowing the tribesmen to conduct their own affairs in their own way it is hoped to discourage them from adventures into a administrative territory.

The inevitable firebrand crops up, of course, for religion

can quickly fan the flame of fanaticism, and their pacification has

to be strengthened by punitive action.

Yet the Government recognises the need for devising economic relief over and above

subventions to the guardians of law and order. So plans for improving irrigation facilities in the mountainous country are among the measures designed to bring real peace in no man's land.

The ultimate goal is to make the administrative border coincide

everywhere with the true Frontier, but so long as the tribesmen

feel they must always carry rifles

on their backs for immediate defence

and except the obligations

of the blood feud this is impracticable.

The forcible disarmament of them and advance to the Durand Line as the Frontier is called,

would be an operation unjustified

financially as well as morally.



An Indian Mountain Regiment assembling a mountain gun.

thrown back to the years just before I entered the Indian Army, nearly fifty-five years ago, when Russia's advance to within measurable distance of the Indian border created disquietude in Eng-

land to prevent Turkey from becoming involved in hostilities. Which is interesting.

Soviet activities do not imply a hint to Hitler that Greece must go through Yugoslavia instead of Bulgaria. Rather is it an indication of Moscow's confidence that Yugoslavia, with whom Russian relations are greatly improved, is better able to take care of herself, especially now that the triumphs of Greece have stiffened every Balkan capital and removed a menace from Yugoslavia's southern borders.

Neutralisation of Bulgaria, Moscow's primary aim, is an aid to Greece, an aid to Yugoslavia, and an aid to Turkey; and, therefore, also to the Allied cause. Is Stalin beginning to detect the cracking of the Hitler machine, or merely realising where Russia's fundamental interests lie?

standing on this point leads me to the map. Of the four Army Commands in India, only one—the Southern Command at Poona—lies south of the Ganges. The other three—the Northern at Murree, the Western at Quetta, and the Eastern at Naini Tal—all have their headquarters to the north of that river. This obviously shows that the chief duty of the Army is to keep itself in readiness to repel attack on the North-West Frontier. If protection of India against internal trouble were primarily required, such an arrangement would be irrelevant.

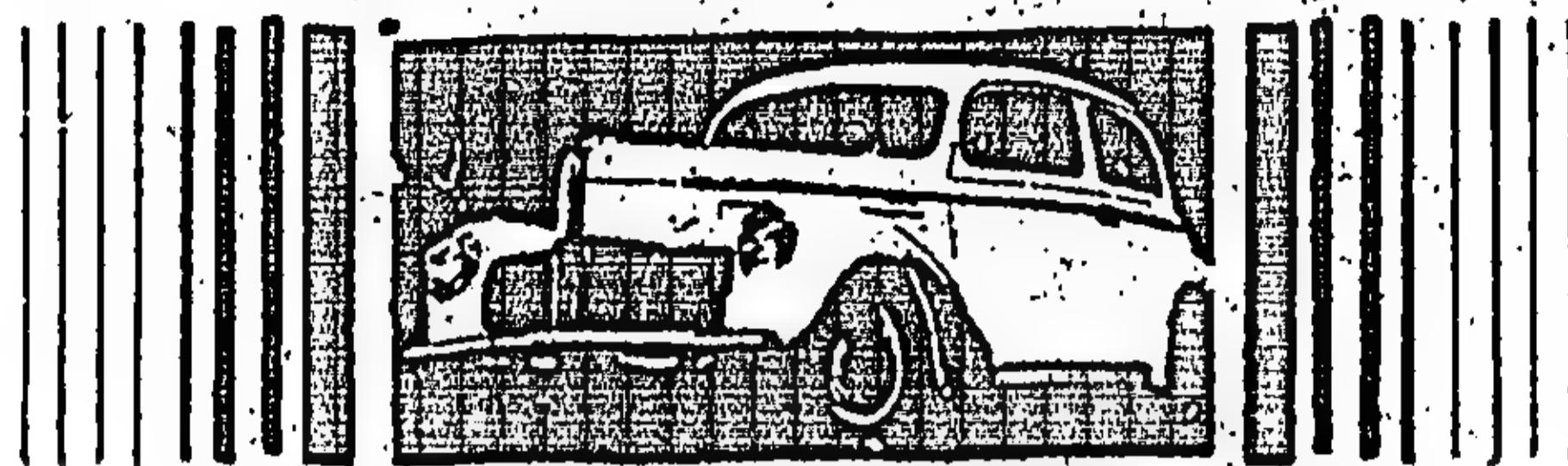
The North-West Frontier is India's vulnerable spot. Her 3,000-mile coast line is protected by the Royal Navy, with the young Royal Indian Navy's special duties in Indian waters. Of her land frontiers of 3,000 miles the stretch from the Pamirs eastward and south-westward is mainly guarded by the gigantic snow curtains of the Himalayan Mountains. Directly to the east is Burma, now responsible for her own affairs. There remains the North-West Frontier, where the boundary between India and Afghanistan, partly coinciding with the administrative border of British India and forming with that border, between the Zhob Valley and the Pamirs, a strip of independent tribal territory, gives continual cause for vigilance. Before the British came, the story of India was one of a succession of invasions by the Khyber Pass or its vicinity, on to the rich plains of the Punjab and beyond. Three times in her history has India's fate been determined in pitched battle near the little village of Panipat—sixty miles north of Delhi—and each time the invader won.

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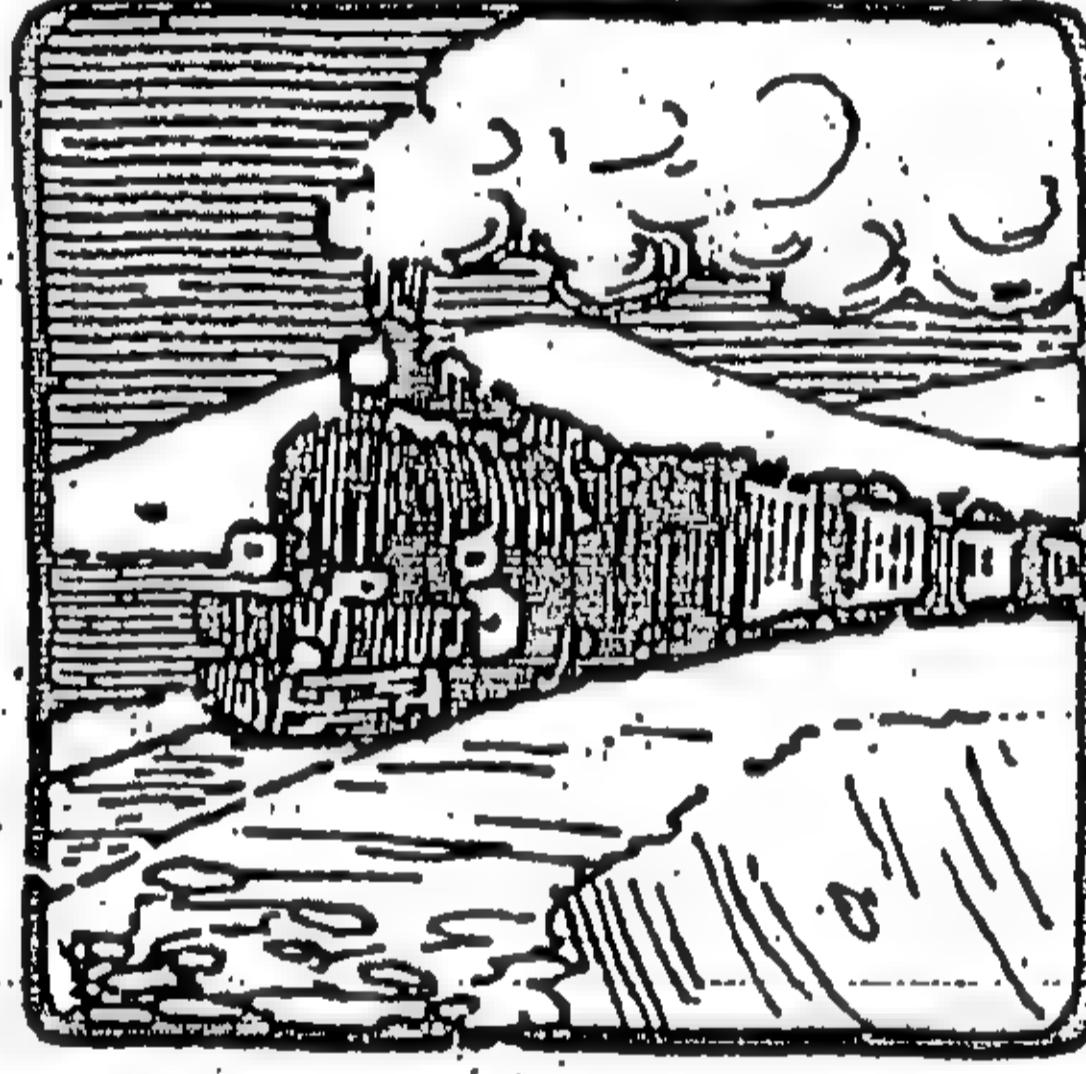
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BOTTLE PARTIES CLOSING**NIGHT LIFE HIT
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THE AIR RAIDS have carried on the good work started by the police. The shadier side of London night life is finished — for the time being at any rate. The nightly barrage has driven the underworld organisers out of town. The West End, as a result, is developing complete respectability.

Suspected premises which were being watched by the police and the military authorities a fortnight ago have now closed down of their own accord.

I toured the West End Faro and chemin-de-fer dens, doubtful bottle-parties, so-called clubs where Servicemen paid high prices for the privilege of talking to hostesses who drank expensive "liqueurs" — of coloured water — have all vanished, writes a correspondent.

There are fewer active crooks in the Jungle—the police name for the area bounded by Charing Cross Road, Tottenham Court Road, and Piccadilly — than there have been for 10 years.

In the same way the legitimate night life of London almost disappears with the unofficial curfew around nine o'clock.

Only a handful of clubs remain open, and they are nearly all official air raid shelters.

At the Cocoanut Grove in Regent Street, I was told: "Last week was the worst week in business in five years. But we still carry on. The show usually finishes about 5 a.m., and guests can sleep on the settees until the 'all clear' sounds."

Reopening

The Cafe de Paris, luxury night haunt favoured by visiting royalty, is closed for a week. The Embassy Club, despite a high-explosive crater near the entrance, plans to reopen shortly after redecoration.

Popular all-night restaurants serve meals from midnight to dawn — to less than 5 per cent. of the normal number of customers.

Sedate To-day

The Cafe Royal, one-time haunt of London's Bohemians, now has a very sedate closing hour around 9 p.m.

At the May Fair Hotel I found music and dancing in the underground shelter-ballroom. Their Spitfire fund was given a flying start by the auction of a shell nose-cap picked up by a member of the staff in Berkeley Square nearby.

The Trocadero remains open until the last customer decides to brave the outside conditions. "Our closing hour is around 11 o'clock these nights. And business could certainly be a lot better," I was told.

Good Cheer

The nightly "blitz" has cheered one group of West End workers. Barmmaids frequently have every second night off, and sleep their working night down in the cellars. And they have been given rises of 5s. and 10s. a week.

Even the coffee-stall industry has been affected. The men who used to drive their stalls in from the outskirts of the town have frequently shut up shop. Most of the stall-holders with permanent premises are staying open — shrouded by black-out curtains.

The theatres, of course, have been hopelessly hit. One is carrying on defiantly and not doing so badly.

That is the Windmill — owned by Mrs. Laura Henderson, who is 70. She thinks the show should go on.

It does. Only twice in the last fortnight has the curtain been rung down — and then only for a few minutes.

PLACED ON RECORD

Ministry of Supply state that used gramophone records can be converted into valuable war material, and that Britain ought to be salvaging about six million records a year.

**LOCKHART
ROAD
INCIDENTS**

Chan Man, 35, printer, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with robbery at Lockhart Road on Saturday, and with inflicting grievous bodily harm upon three Chinese.

It was alleged that defendant stopped two dancing hostesses on the staircase of No. 329, Lockhart Road and robbed them of a handbag and a wrist watch.

An alarm was raised, and several pedestrians tried to stop defendant, who, it is alleged, armed with a knife at the time, injured three of them.

Defendant was remanded 72 hours for further enquiries.

Detective Sub-Inspector W. N. Darkin is in charge of the case.

**PASSBOOK
FRAUD**

A seaman, Chan Yau-fook, 21, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for obtaining provisions from the Dairy Farm by false pretences.

Det. Sergeant W. Summers told the Court that Mr. H. W. Johnstone, of No. 521, The Peak, sent his houseboy to the Dairy Farm and the boy lost the pass book.

On Monday, defendant went to the Dairy Farm and produced the pass book, stated that he was the houseboy of Mr. Johnstone and asked for provisions valued at \$22.25. Mr. Johnstone was informed and defendant was arrested.

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**BRITISH AID TO
ABYSSINIANS**

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS ANXIOUS TO SEE ABYSSINIA LIBERATED FROM HER ITALIAN SUPPRESSORS, SAID THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS YESTERDAY.

The British Government, he said, has no territorial ambitions in Abyssinia, which it wishes to see free and independent.

Britain is, therefore, giving every assistance possible to those Abyssinians who have taken up arms against the common enemy.

**WONGNEICHONG
ROAD ROBBERY**

Mr. E. Kerrison, of No. 19, Wongneichong Road, has reported the theft of silver ware and other articles, to the value of \$200 from his residence on Monday.

Quarantine restrictions imposed by the Government of Japan against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of cholera have been removed.

**THIEF'S HAUL IN
MARBLE ROAD**

Money, jewellery and clothing to the value of \$728 were stolen from No. 76, Marble Road, residence of Mr. Fung Fos-lin, yesterday afternoon.

BULGARIA DECLINES THE AXIS 'INVITATION'

Nazi Diplomacy Sharply Rebuffed

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

MESSAGES FROM BERLIN AND ROME INDICATE THAT THE AXIS IS LOSING CONFIDENCE THAT BULGARIA WILL WELCOME THE "NEW ORDER" AND SUBSCRIBE UNHESITATINGLY TO NAZI LEADERSHIP BY SIGNING THE TRI-PARTITE PACT.

For the present the Axis partners will have to be satisfied with the accession of Hungary, Rumania and Slovakia.

So far as the practical, visible results are concerned the visits of M. Molotov (Soviet Foreign Commissar) and Senor Suner (Spanish Foreign Minister) to Berlin might never have been made. In fact German propaganda organs have ceased talking about them.

Nor is there any indication of an intensification of Russo-German trade relations, such as the large body of experts in the train of M. Molotov would seem to have portended.

Bulgaria would seem to have been influenced in her attitude by the fate of Rumania, on the one hand, and the example of Greece, on the other. The Greek action in inflicting upon Italy the heaviest blow the Axis has yet sustained was a particularly timely factor.

Turkey's Stand

Added to these facts is the knowledge that Turkey, her powerful south-eastern neighbour, had assumed a standpoint that was calculated to discourage any spirit of adventure, even if such were in the Bulgarian Government's mind. But there has been nothing to justify any belief that there was and in these circumstances, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs was able to give Bulgaria the assistance of British goodwill.

Berlin Quiet

Bulgaria is to remain outside the Axis-Japan Pact despite the preparations that had been made for her reception, said the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss newspaper "Basler Nachrichten" yesterday.

No reason for the change in plan is given in official German circles nor is the cancellation of the Bulgarian Ministers' visit to Berlin commented upon. But the Wilhelmstrasse significantly states that the adherence of Slovakia "has closed the first round of admissions."

Moscow Not So Quiet

The Axis announcement that no visits of Bulgarian statesmen to Berlin are expected at present, was given great prominence over the Soviet radio and in the press yesterday.

A report (not carried by Reuter) to the effect that Mr. Laurance Steinhardt, United States Ambassador to Rumania, had been received by King Boris and subsequently made a statement, is said in Moscow to be absolutely incorrect.

Mr. Steinhardt, who has never been in Bulgaria in his life, has remained in Moscow since September 15 when he returned from the United States via the Trans-Siberian Railway. — Reuter.

National City Decision

Only the Hankow branch of the National City Bank of New York will close next month, it was learned in Shanghai to-day.

Because of abnormal trade conditions it has been decided to consolidate the operations of the Hankow office of the Bank with the Shanghai office.

The Hankow office is closing on December 12. After that date all accounts still remaining will be transferred, and all communications in this connection should be addressed to the Shanghai office. — Reuter.

KEROSENE ON JUNKS

Fines amounting to \$220 were imposed by Mr. E. Hinsworth this morning on Chan Forchoi, 24, steersman, of trading junk No. T4112H, for possession of dangerous goods; anchoring in the wrong anchorage; and failing to produce the junk's licence.

Sub-Inspector C. Poyntz said that 300 tins of kerosene oil, 29 sticks of dynamite, 25 detonators and one coil of fuse were found on accused's junk in Cheungsawan Bay, which was not a dangerous goods anchorage.

The dynamite, detonators and fuse were confiscated.

Chung Yau, 39, master of boat No. 3511V, was fined \$100 for being in possession of 400 tins of kerosene on his junk.

BAN PARTLY LIFTED

THE UNITED KINGDOM AUTHORITIES, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN LONDON LAST EVENING, ARE PERMITTING THE RESUMPTION OF DEALINGS, WHICH HAVE BEEN BANNED SINCE JUNE, IN 139 NON-UNITED STATES SECURITIES PAYABLE OR OPTIONAL-LY PAYABLE IN "HARD" FOREIGN CURRENCY.

The permitted list, however, does not include some former market leaders, especially International Nickel, Canadian Pacific and Brazilian Traction. — Reuter.

DEPORTEE ESCAPES

The police are looking for a man who escaped from the Deportation Office yesterday at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The man, Wong Yau, 26, is described as being stout of build and as wearing dark cotton clothing.

He was released from Stanley Prison yesterday and was waiting to be deported. — Reuter.

MOBILE CANTEENS PRESENTED

Trade Union leaders met the King and Queen yesterday when 27 mobile canteens were presented to the Y.M.C.A. at Buckingham Palace. — Reuter.

NAZI MACHINE-GUN COAST TOWN

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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By The Four Aces

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♥ A J 9 8 3
♦ 9 8 6
♣ Q 7 5
♦ 9 8 4 3
♥ 7 4
♦ Q 4
♣ J 10 9
♦ 6 3
♦ A K Q J 6 2
♥ K 5
♦ A J 10 3
♣ A

The bidding:
South West North East
2♦ Pass 3♦ Pass
3♦ Pass 3NT Pass
6♦ Pass Pass Pass

West led the Jack of clubs, South winning with the Ace. Declarer, noting that he had to bring in three diamond tricks, led the Ace of trumps, followed by a low trump to dummy's ten.

Then he started the diamonds from the dummy. But which diamond was it correct for him to lead from the dummy? Decide for yourself before reading on.

The right card was the low diamond — not the nine or the eight. East played a low diamond, South finessed the ten, and West won with the Queen. West returned the ten clubs, and South ruffed and drew two more rounds of trumps. Next he laid down the King and Ace of hearts, to check up on a possible lucky doubleton. And at this point he could lead the nine of diamonds from the dummy.

As you will see, East could gain nothing by covering, and South could now play the three, allowing

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ing dummy to retain the lead for another diamond finesse. If the first diamond lead from the dummy had been the nine, South would have been obliged to win the second diamond trick; and then there would be no way of getting to the dummy for a third finesse. And if South led the nine from the dummy and played the ten from his own hand on the first diamond trick, East would later cover the eight of diamonds with the King, thus establishing his seven of diamonds for the setting trick.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♦ J 5
♥ K 10 3
♦ A K J 6 4
♣ K Q 10

The bidding:
Jacoby Maier You Schenken
1♦ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid two diamonds. Not quite strong enough for the jump response. Best policy is to make a simple bid now, and show the full strength later.

Score 100% for two diamonds, 60% for three diamonds, 50% for three no-trump, 40% for two no-trump.

Question No. 574

To-day you are Merwin, D. Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♦ K Q 10 9 5
♥ A J 6
♦ Q 10 4
♣ A 7

The bidding:
You Jacoby Maier Schenken
1♦ Pass 2♦ Pass

(?) What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

His Last Effort

Ignace Paderewski, first President of the Polish Republic, world-famous pianist and owner of a fine old castle at the Swiss village of Morges, on Lake Geneva, recently packed up his luggage and left by way of France, Spain and Portugal to embark for the United States.

He is eighty in November. On the eve of departure, he said:

"You British, who fight to-day for the liberties of the world, will understand that I want to make a last effort for my beloved country."

He hopes to end his days in the Swiss castle which has been his since 1887 but he feels that in America now he can help the cause of Poland and her resurrection.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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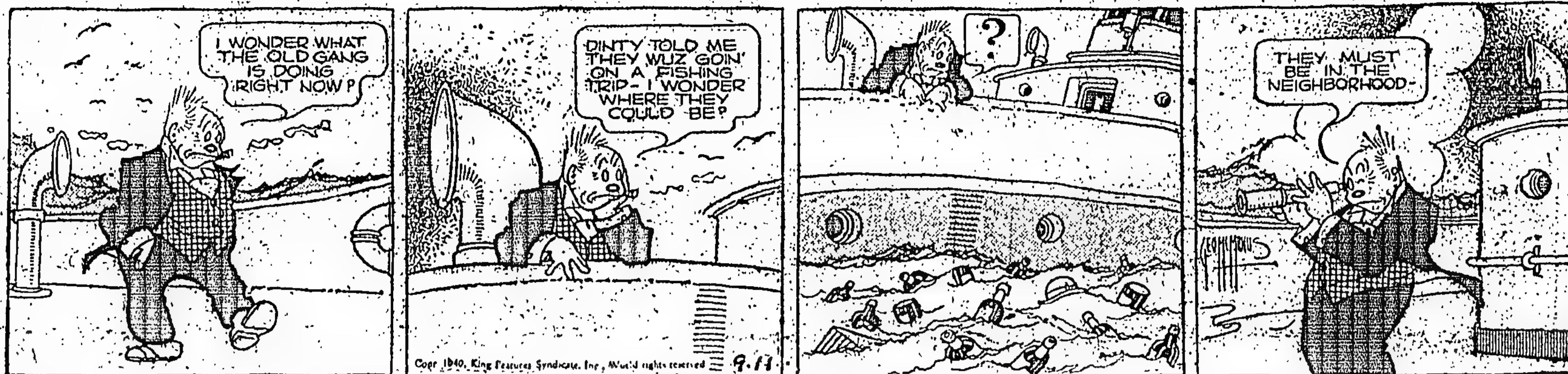
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Bringing Up Father



By George MacManus

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

British Women Work For The Red Cross

In just over a year two and three-hour donations of spare time stitching have made one of the most impressive contributions to the War. Involving fantastic quantities of raw materials; hundredweights of wool; miles of cloth; buttons enough to outline the London area; cotton enough to stitch a trail from one end of England to the other. It adds to staggering sums in finished garments. And the distinction of supplying the Red Cross with everything a pair of hands can make to help its great humane work. To make the lot of every war casualty a little easier to bear.

These women who supply the Red Cross—or to be precise who sew and knit for the Central Hospital Supply Service—meet in groups of varying numbers in every town and village throughout the British Isles. They are the women who carry on the jobs the fighting men must leave. They run their homes. They look after their children. They still find time like Mrs. Johnson of Bethnal Green, London, to sew two afternoons a week and "wish they could do more." She does a factory night shift in addition to cooking and cleaning for a family of four. Yet she has to miss one afternoon's attendance at the school in which her working party meet.

Some workers have time for a few hours' sewing each day. Some can spare time for only two hours a week. They all take knitting home to weave what comfort they can from their leisure for those who suffer.

War's savaging of half Europe is recorded in the vast bundles of goods they have made and sent to the depots in London, Bristol and Sale.

In Poland

First Poland. Field dressings... bandages... men's pyjamas, hospital shirts! No one had then glimpsed what this war was destined to do to civilians. It came with that first S.O.S. for clothing. Any and every kind of clothing to cover women and children as well as the men who trudged painfully across a ravaged country in that first, helpless, hopeless army of refugees. No one realised even then the significance there was behind that need for clothing for the women and children. No one

had schemed a roll of cloth into the cutting of more than so many pyjamas and shirts for soldiers and sailors and airmen... with the scraps made perhaps into bed covers and hot water bottle jackets. They use them now for children's knickers and shirts and sleeping suits.

It seemed a long way to Norway and Finland from the quiet English countryside... with the first Spring flowers coming into bloom as women went to village schoolrooms and town halls to struggle with their first knitted helmet. To negotiate thick, clumsy-to-work felt into neat booties and gloves.

Nearly a hundred women in one Kent town will never smell mackintosh again without thinking of Dunkirk. They made pillowslips of it... for men who had swum through a sea of burning oil.

Five thousand of these working parties are actually affiliated to

By
Iris Carpenter

the Red Cross. There are countless others working independently or through various women's guilds and organisations. The youngest members are often schoolgirls... who at eight years old capably knit squares for hospital blankets. The oldest is probably the French woman of eighty who went through the siege of Paris. She spends her days in this campaign knitting operation socks.

Daily Record

The vast organisation needed to deal with the production of goods for the Central Hospital Supply Service is under the Chairmanship of Viscountess Falmouth. It works from a London Headquarters through thirteen Regional Divisions. Some idea of its efficiency may be gathered from the fact that there is a daily record kept of raw material, work in hand and finished goods from which it is possible to estimate the length of time to within an hour or so in which a given number of garments can be made and delivered to any part of the world.

During the Finish campaign five thousand pyjamas of a certain type were urgently required. They were on their way in twenty-four hours.

A large London area is directed by Lady Daresbury from a small flat in which seventeen miles of cloth have been cut into garments during the past year. These are sent to the working parties of the area. We took two sacksful to an East London school. Twenty women sat stitching busily. Five at machines. The others were tacking seams, making buttonholes in a consignment of women's pyjamas, needed just now for air raid casualties.

Not one of those women had slept in bed for a week. They had spent their nights sleeping in air raid shelters. They were perfectly cheerful. "Surprising how soon you get used to it," said one. She is a market hand, up at half past four every morning, and proud of the fact that she can make the best buttonholes in the party in spite of hands gnarled from years of twisting wire for flower mounting.

Another had been thrown from one side of her home to the other when a bomb demolished the one next door. She machined pyjamas seams with professional dexterity and the remark that she

was lucky to be sewing instead of wearing them!

Every working party has its own ingenious uses for even the minutest scraps of material. Not a particle is wasted. Every roll of cloth before cutting has its scraggards torn off—to be knitted into hospital cloths and dusters. Shavings too small for any other use are sold for paper manufacture.

Contributions from every part of the world reach the Red Cross for the purchase of material for its working parties. In addition, most of them have their own schemes for raising money for the purchase of raw material. The dances, and garden parties and bridge and whist drives which have taken place in aid of the cause during the past year are countless.

Every kind of competition—from a golf match to guessing the number of biscuits in a tin, has been organised. In one London suburb members of a working party pay a penny for each hour of sleep lost during an air raid. Pennies are spent on wool which is knitted during the raid.

Since the outbreak of war more than a million gifts have reached the Red Cross in addition to those sent out by them to be made up by their working parties. There are stories like the Sussex village of three hundred people who collected nearly a pound a head. Or the fishing village on the North Devon Coast whose collected sufficient money and in three months knitted up two thousand garments. A blitzkrieg of effort, reckoned with knitting pins, thimbles and womanly endeavour.

Hallowed by the sense of humanity speeding hundreds of thousands of busy hands. By the prayers that these war days and the suffering consequent upon them shall quickly pass.

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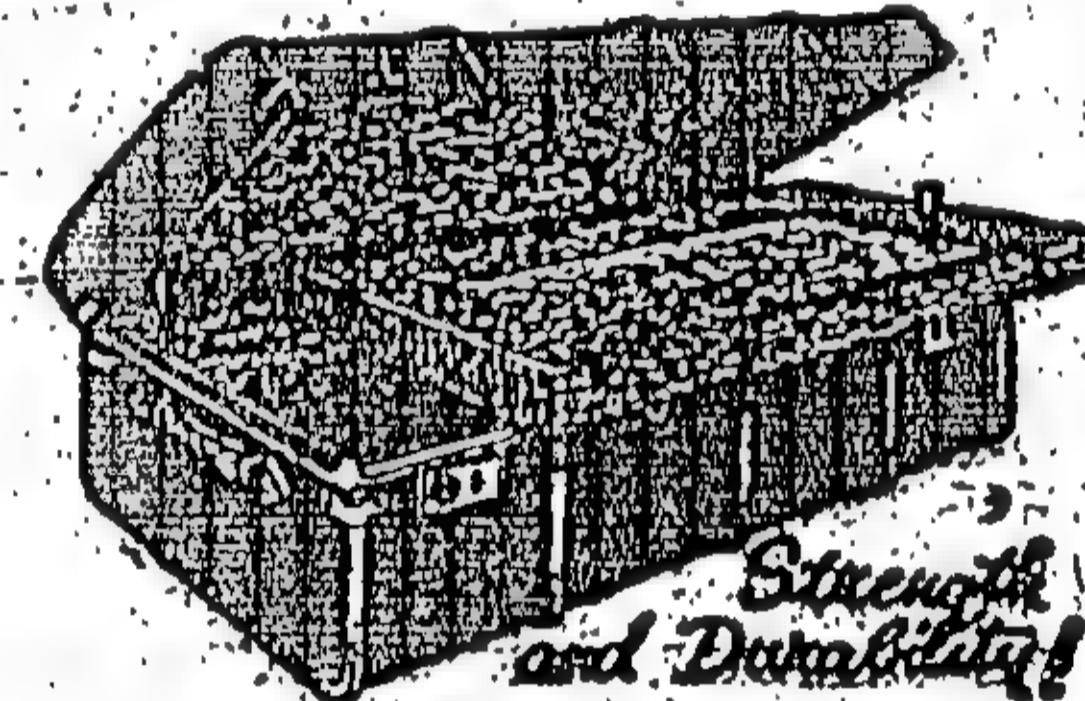
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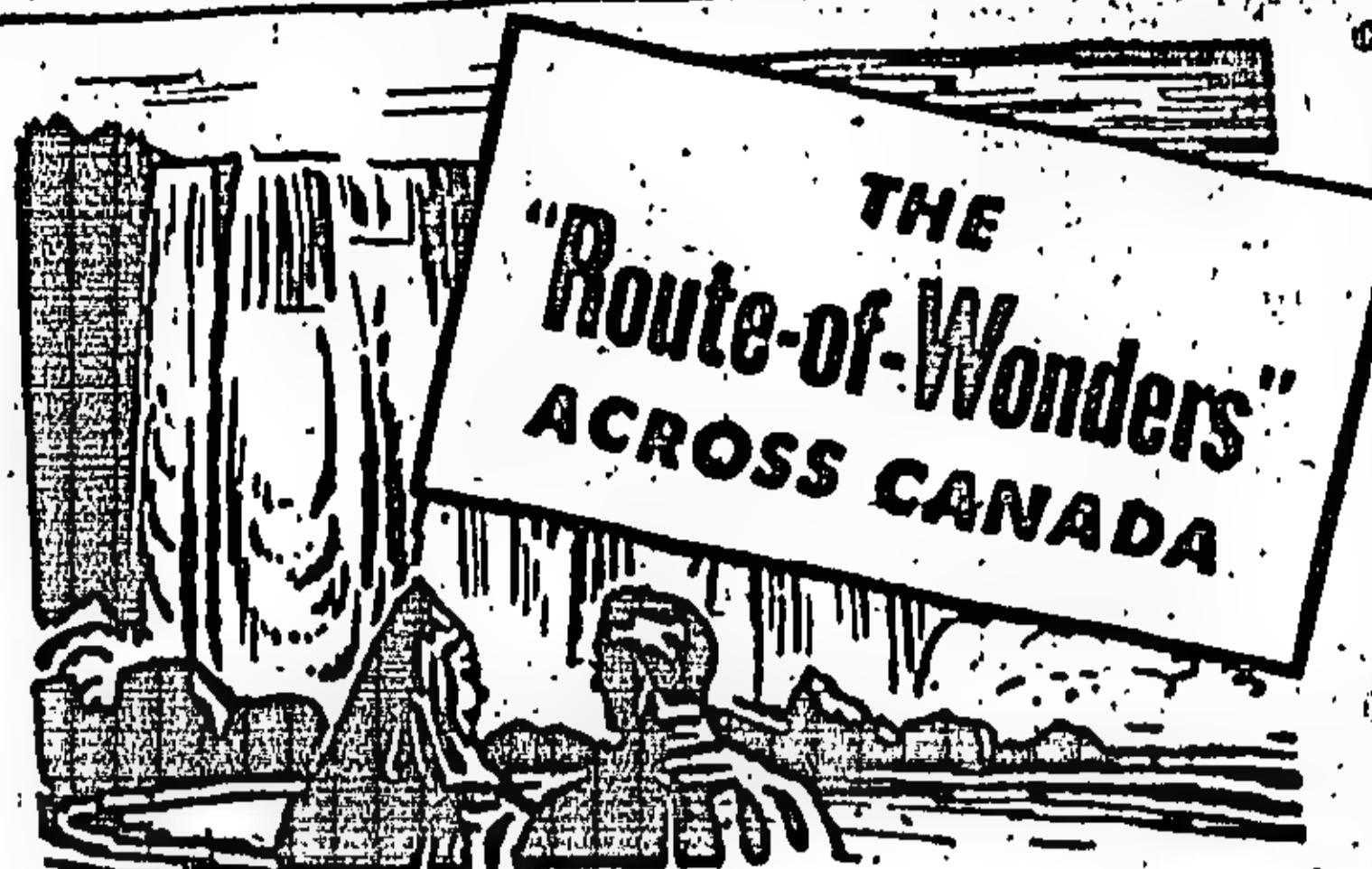
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1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Half an hour with Dolly.

On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring...Sir Thomas Beecham cond. the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

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6.32 p.m.—Georges Thill (Tenor) in a French Programme.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

8.03 p.m.—Compositions of Mendelssohn.

8.24 p.m.—Songs by Norman Allin (Bass).

8.35 p.m.—Lalo—Symphonie Espagnole for Violin and Orchestra, Op. 21.

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9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

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HOCKEY

CLUB LOSE BY ODD GOAL

By "Sportshawk"

Khalsa Hockey Club yesterday beat Hong Kong Hockey Club by the odd goal in three in a friendly hockey match at King's Park, after scoring once in the first period.

Club were unfortunate to have been beaten as they improved as the game progressed and, had not darkness fallen so quickly, would have at least forced a draw. The game was abandoned five or more minutes before the scheduled time, owing to the light.

Benwell had a comparatively easy time between the sticks even though two goals were scored against him, but Thompson had to work hard in the first half in the face of Khalsa's repeated raids.

Reed In Form

Reed, the pivot for Club, played a sound game distributing and spoiling well, while Taylor held his own at right-half quite well.

Smith and Guest were a pair of speedy and most dangerous forwards for Club; they combined exceedingly well and penetrated the Indians' defence on many occasions. Bickford also played quite well in the attack.

U. B. Souza saved several good goals for Indians and Man Singh defended stoutly throughout the entire game.

M. H. Hussain was the best among the Indian halves and G. Singh was the most dangerous forward, while Narwant Singh assisted G. Singh with many accurate passes.

G. Singh opened the scoring for the Indians from a pass from Narwant Singh near the end of the first period, but Guest scored a beautiful equaliser for Club. G. Singh netted the decider shortly before time was called.

H. K. Hockey Club: — Benwell; Thompson and Thums; Taylor, Reed and Woods; Smith,

ARMY RUGBY

Two Rugby matches were played yesterday in the Army Small Units Rugby League.

Middlesex "B" shared six points with 8th Heavy Regiment R.A. Gunners opened the scoring through Hicks but Bayly equalised for Middlesex when he kicked a penalty goal.

The 12th Heavy Regt. R.A. were completely outplayed by Royal Army Medical Corps.

For the Medicals, Pratt was outstanding, scoring two tries in the first half. McDonald did a spectacular run from midfield for a touchdown which was converted by Morgan. Early in the second half, Morgan sent in a beautiful penalty drop kick.

At the end of the first half, the Medicals were leading by 12-0 (three tries and a penalty goal).

On resumption of play, R.A. reduced the score by a try by Edison. Morgan of Medicals took a penalty drop kick to increase his side's lead to 15-3. Dooley scored another try for Gunners but Medicals went further ahead through, McDonald whose try was converted by Morgan. The final score was 20-6.

12th Heavy Regt. R.A.: — McCarthy; Abdey, Couch, Delderfield, Hall; Keeble, Bevan; Howarth, Bompers, Eddison; Dooley, Smith; Pain, Lockett and Giddons.

R.A.M.C.: — Morgan; McDonald, Coombes, Barclay, Pratt; Whybro Chandler; Scriven, Milne, Mohan; Wigglesworth, Furnell; van Milingen, Collins and Edge.

Guest, Fowler, Bickford and White.

Khalsa: — U. B. Souza; Man Singh and J. S. Grewal; Mhod Usuf M. H. Hussain and J. Singh; Souza, G. Singh, Atwar Singh, Narwant Singh and Gurdayal Singh.

A keenly contested hockey match was played at Sookunpoo yesterday when the Royal Scots beat the Nomads by two goals to nil in a friendly encounter.

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Unconfirmed reports claimed that Chinese forces in the area repulsed the Japanese landing party which withdrew.

There are one or two Japanese warships in Bias Bay.

EX-P.W.D. OVERSEER
PASSES

News has just been received in Hong Kong of the death last September of Mr. Colin Sara, who was a Hong Kong resident from 1911 to 1930.

Mr. Sara died at Weston-super-Mare where he had been living since his retirement. He was 64 years of age and leaves a widow and four children.

The late Mr. Sara was appointed Overseer in the P.W.D. in 1911. In 1920 he was made Inspector of Government Furniture and he retired in 1930.

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PREPARATIONS NOW IN HAND FOR THE BADMINTON SEASON

Only Four Teams Enter For The Senior Division

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By "Adrem"

ALTHOUGH THERE WILL ONLY BE FOUR TEAMS IN "A" DIVISION, THE SUPPORT GIVEN TO "B" DIVISION ENSURES THAT THE BADMINTON LEAGUE THIS SEASON WILL BE AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS.

To start with the senior teams will be University "A" and University "B", Chinese Y.M.C.A. and Club de Recreio, but, as stipulated at the recent meeting of the Association, St. John's, who won the junior title last year, will be forced into the higher division if their form in opening "B" Division matches is deemed sufficiently good to justify such a step.

Junior Division will be constituted rather differently. Owing to the large number of teams participating, and the desirability of playing home and away matches, the division has been divided into two sections and the teams in each sub-division will then play on a self-contained League basis with home and away fixtures, and the winners of each section will meet at the end of the season to decide the divisional championship.

So far as can be ascertained, little new talent has arrived in the off-season with the exception of a new undergraduate at the University, and for the most part the same old faces will be on view in the same old teams, although there might be a little reshuffling owing to the transfer of players in isolated cases, from one club to another.

Choy, the new recruit at University, has already established quite a reputation for himself among badminton enthusiasts and rumour has it that he has beaten P. K. Hui, probably the most brilliant player in the Colony, Patrick Wong the champion, notwithstanding, in practice singles games.

He also created a very favourable impression when playing for University in a recent mixed-doubles friendly against Club de Recreio.

Friendlies Already Played

Little publicity has been given to the matches but several friendlies have already been played with others fixed to take place before the opening of the League, and enquiries made yesterday revealed that most of the clubs are hard at practice and looking forward eagerly to December 11, when the League is due to make a start.

As was the case last season, "A" Division, although it may reasonably be expected that a close contest will devolve on two teams, will not be nearly so interesting as the Junior Division where talent is more evenly distributed.

Wong Available

Patrick Wong will again be the mainstay of Chinese "Y", who are expected to provide the main threat to University "A".

He will be able to call on most of his old players among them being H. F. Koh, C. Y. Yung, T. J. Ong, P. C. Lau and A. Chong. I have been told that this club, having had their appetites whetted by their close proximity to premier honours last season, have been taking things very seriously and they are confident of their ability to again force University the whole distance if they do not actually secure the title.

C.C.C. TEAM

The following will represent Craigengowen C.C. 2nd XI in a friendly cricket match against Diocesan Boys' School on Saturday at Happy Valley at 2 p.m.

A. M. Omar (Capt.), W. K. Way, J. W. Leonard, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, E. Mitchell, T. Lock, H. L. Forman, N. Broadbridge and U. H. Esmail.

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OLIVEIRA AND MISS M. SILVA IN FORM

Playing at Club de Recreio, the home team defeated Hong Kong University by 5 games to four in a pre-season friendly badminton match on November 15.

K. W. Choy made a promising debut for University, and Oliveira and Miss Silva played brilliantly for Recreio.

J. J. Remedios and Mrs. O. Silva (Recreio), lost to K. W. Choy and Miss U. Khoo 19-21

lost to P. S. Bun and Miss K. J. Hung 20-23

beat P. K. Hui and Miss Patushinsky 21-6

M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva (Recreio), lost to Choy and Miss Khoo 21-19

beat Bun and Miss Hung 21-6

beat Hui and Miss Patushinsky 21-6

H. F. Gonsalves and Miss M. Ribeiro (Recreio), lost to Choy and Miss Khoo 16-21

lost to Bun and Miss Hung 8-21

beat Hui and Miss Patushinsky 21-10

Note: Mrs. O. Silva is the former Miss Olga Ribeiro.

SUNDAY'S GOLF MATCH

An indication of the present healthy state of Colony golf outside Royal Hong Kong Golf Club is provided in the announcement of a friendly match to be played at Sheungshui on Sunday between Country Club and Kowloon Golf Club.

This will be the first occasion that the two clubs have met in a contest of this description and it will probably be the forerunner of other similar matches.

Following are the teams and starting times:

Country Club	Kowloon G.C.
9.00 a.m.	
A. W. Ramsey	A. J. Dennis
9.05 a.m.	
A. A. Lopes	W. V. Ahern
9.10 a.m.	
F. E. Lee	E. F. Fincher
9.15 a.m.	
F. E. A. Remedios	R. K. Collings
9.20 a.m.	
E. J. M. Churn	K. G. Mackenzie
9.25 a.m.	
T. Y. C. Lee	A. Eastman
9.30 a.m.	
H. Kew	S. Tomlinson
9.35 a.m.	
C. H. T. Suen	W. C. Simpson
9.40 a.m.	
J. C. Basto	T. Lamb
9.45 a.m.	
M. F. Pinna	F. C. Perry
9.50 a.m.	

STERN CHALLENGE FROM KOWLOON TONG EXPECTED

By "Adrem"

JUNIOR DIVISION OF the Badminton League promises to be as thrilling as ever and although the constitution of teams has not been decided upon as yet, it is fairly certain that an even higher standard than that which prevailed last year will be established.

Chung Wah, winners in 1938/9, is still running the side and will have the following players, to mention only some, to call upon: R. E. Lee, Peter Lo, Joe Tsang, Frank Kwok, Ko Fook-sing, Albert Chan and John Chen.

The champions, St. John's, will probably find it difficult to raise a side. Eardley, who is kept busy with naval duties, is not expected to play very often, and Frank Kwok, who has ever been one of the stalwarts of the team, will be sadly missed. David Kwok is still available, however, and with Peter Wilson, Norman Smith and Dick Maynard will form the nucleus of the team.

St. Andrew's have lost Gillies, who will be called upon by the new Police team, and although Henry Kew and Ernie Fletcher will give them one strong pair on which to build a team, there is little outstanding talent. Other players are A. S. Bliss, E. H. P. White, J. Tomlinson, V. J. R. Merritt, S. A. Broadbridge and M. M. Davies, while I have also heard that there is a possibility that N. A. E. Mackay, the Kowloon Tong player, will assist them.

Chung Wah Intact

Chung Wah will be without M. S. Pooh but otherwise their team is almost intact with the possible addition of W. C. Choy, one of the most brilliant players in the Colony on his day. Other are W. H. Choy, P. C. Leung, C. F. Chiu, S. F. Lee, S. C. Liang and possibly a younger brother of Chiu—a formidable aggregation.

King's also have little new talent, K. J. Attwell being the only new name on their list which is S. P. Chan, K. L. Lui, K. H. Lo, T. Lam and W. C. Chung. H. N. Chung, who has not played for some seasons, is also available and is practising with the idea of getting a place.

Possible Recreio players are A. E. Xavier, E. A. R. Alves, who was in Swatow last year, A. E. Noronha, P. Yanovich, and N. A. Beltrao, while although Barros has not been in action as yet, I expect him to get into harness shortly before the League starts.

Guest For K.C.C.

K.C.C. will be somewhat strengthened by A. E. P. Guest, former St. Andrew's player, but have little new talent apart from E. Zulauf, a keen performer at Y.M.C.A. hitherto. Others will be A. L. Fisher, J. L. Anderson, P. Wynter-Blyth and H. S. Jones.

V.R.C. will again have to rely a great deal on Sirdar Rumjahn, the Colony tennis champion, and D. M. Xaxler, with possible support from O. C. Arculli, M. M. de V. Soares, Roy Maxwell, A. K. Rumjahn and a host of youngsters who are as keen as mustard on the game.

Jewish Club have lost Maurice Well, who is in Shanghai, but will have much the same team as last year.

Last but not least—we hope—come the Police. J. Shepherd is in charge and assures me that his side is keen and looking forward eagerly to their League commitments. Their star player, of course, will be Bill Gillies, Colony Junior Champion, and other possibles are an interpreter called S. L. Mackenzie, A. R. H. Major and K. A. Bidmead.

I expect there will be some names I have not mentioned but those I have, indicate that there should be great keenness and enjoyable games and that, after all, it is all a League can hope to accomplish.

CAPACITY CROWD SEE SAINTS NARROWLY BEAT INDIANS

Gonzales Prominent; Good Pitching & Sure Fielding

Edwards Assists Baseballers To Beat Cyclones 8-6

By "Grandstand"

HIGHLIGHTED BY BRILLIANT DEFENSIVE PLAY, THE SAINTS SHADED THE INDIANS BY 2-1, IN THE OPENER OF THE SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE PROGRAMME ON SUNDAY, WHICH WAS WITNESSED BY A CAPACITY CROWD IN SPITE OF THE DRIZZLE WHICH THREATENED TO HALT THE GAME.

The string of horse-collars which decorated the score-board, was only broken in the fourth when the Saints pushed across a tally. Although the Indians out-hit their opponents 10-8, Frankie "Bashful" Gonzales, fork-handed hurler of the Collegians, spaced the hits, so that despite the fact that the Indians threatened to score in every frame, good fielding nullified the effects of the hits.

In the initial chapter, the Indians put two on bases on a bobble and a hit, but Nazarin was nailed at the plate when attempting double steal. In the second frame, with ducks in the pond after Madeen Arculli and Hassan had both grounded out, Sheridan "Romeo" Hamet fled out to end the rally. In the next inning, Nazarin singled, but died on third as Tarzan Ismail, A. R. Abbas and A. K. Omar fled out in order, the last being a fielding gem, as "Ozo" Ozorio picked out Omar's line-drive, which had two-bagger written all over it.

Hassan Stranded

In the fourth Hassan was again left stranded on second. The Saints would have scored in the third, when Souza doubled, but he was snuffed at the counting station when he attempted to score on Ali's single.

In their half of the fourth, the Collegians drew blood, as Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard slashed an ankle-cutter, which pitcher Nazarin deflected into the stands. When the ball was retrieved, Leonard was perched safely on second, and scored standing up on Ski Powlowski's timely single to deep right.

Hussain and Gonzales fled out to end the uprising. In the sixth, Hal Winglee dumped one along first and got on base. George Souza fled out, but Henry "Showboat" Ali drew the only pass of the game. Ozorio's bunt loaded the sacks.

Winglee Scores

Bambino Dave Leonard, hitting in the clean-up slot, banged out a single for Winglee to romp home with the second marker, but Ali was nabbed at the plate when he attempted to score from second. Stan Leonard grounded to end the chapter.

In the sixth, the Indians threatened again, when Abbas singled to right and was sacrificed to third on Omar's bunt, but a neat twin-killing by Gonzales, who tagged Madeen Arculli on a bunt, and tossed to Winglee nipped the Indian threat once more. Omar scored on Oscar Arculli's single.

Frankie Gonzales toed the rubber for the Saints and walked none but was nicked for 10 scattered bingles, whilst Kassa Nazarin, who also went the route for the Indians, conceded eight safeties, of which five were bunched in the fourth and fifth to account for both of the Collegian tallies. Nine Indians died on the sacks, while only six Saints were left stranded.

Wild Beginning

The Cyclone-Hong Kong Baseballers tilt, in which the former were downed by 8-6, took on a rather wild beginning, but the game soon tightened up, both sides playing shutout ball after the third inning. The wet ground was responsible to a large degree for the loose play, but the players soon found control. Maxie Edwards, ace-moundisman for the Baseballers, fanned three but handed out four free tickets to first, whilst Marmak, hurling for

SCOTS CAUSE UPSET

By "Grandstand"

In the Junior League, the Royal Scots provided the upset of the week by nosing out the more experienced Liga Portuguesa nine by 21-20, whilst the Cosmos downed the 8th. Heavy Battery in a 13-4 verdict.

The Royal Engineers, who were unable to field nine men, granted a forfeiture to the Chung Hwa squad. In the nightcap, the R.A.F. triumphed over the Central Britishers by 17 to 12, in a game featured by free-hitting on both sides, whilst keystone guardian Fittinghoff of the Britishers and Stewart, keeper of the hot-corner for the Airmen, both contributed to the high score, the former bobbling six times and the latter booting four.

Hemsley, toiling on the hillock for the Airmen, was found for 12 safeties, struck out two but passed one, while Smudge Smith, hurling for the Britishers, was combed for 14 safeties.

Tomashevsky's four-bagger was the longest clout of the fray, whilst both Bittinghoff and Higgins batted safely three times in four. At the end of the fourth stanza the score was knotted at 10-all, but a flock of six R.A.F. markers in the fifth spelled doom to the Britishers, who were only able to chalk up one more in each of the fifth and sixth.

Umpire "Doc" Molthen called the game in the sixth due to failing light.

MATCH POSTPONED

The Second Division football match between the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and Kowloon Football Club, which is to be played at Kowloon on Saturday, has been postponed.

League Table To Date

SENIOR LEAGUE

	P.	W.	L.	Pctg.
Hong Kong Baseballers	5	4	1	.800
St. Joseph's	5	4	1	.800
Chinese Baseballers	3	2	1	.667
Cyclone Softball Club	5	3	2	.600
Indian Softball Club	4	2	2	.500
Recreo "A"	4	2	2	.500
Canadian Chinese	4	0	4	.000
Philippines Club	4	0	4	.000

GIRLS' LEAGUE

	P.	W.	L.	Pctg.
Canadian Chinese	4	4	0	1.000
Wildcats	4	4	0	1.000
Wahoos	5	4	1	.800
Baby Panthers	5	3	2	.600
Recreo Rambllettes	5	2	3	.400
Cardinals	4	1	3	.250
Chung Hwa	4	0	4	.000
Little Flowers	5	0	5	.000

"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

At 4.45 p.m. at King's Park tomorrow, the Y.M.C.A. "A" XI will play the Combined Small Units in a hockey match and will be represented by the former:

Benwell; Jordan and Saxby; Croft, Coombe and Smits; Gilchrist, Gemmell, Hitchcock, Morgan and Highlands Reserve; Spencelayh.

On Saturday the Y.M.C.A. 1st XI will play against the Nomads at 4.15 p.m. at King's Park and the following will represent the Y.M.C.A.:

Benwell; Taylor and Yourief; Croft, Coombe and Waldron; Smith, Gemmell, Hitchcock, Morgan and Dunne.

Also at King's Park on the same day, but at 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. 2nd XI will play against the R.A.M.C. The following will play for Y.M.C.A.:

Killeen; Dorner and Saxby; Grant, Tomlinson and Gorman; Gilchrist, Highlands, Spare, Ireson and McGahan. Reserves: Banks; Railton and Spencelayh.

GIRLS' LEAGUE

JEANNETTE YOLLE PITCHES WELL

By "Grandstand"

IN THE GIRLS' League, Wahoos, after displaying poor form for the last two weeks, staged a brilliant come-back on Sunday, by overwhelming the Baby Panthers by 11-6 in a game featured by the superb hurling of Jeannette "Blondie" Yolle, who was well backed by her team-mates, among whom, Irene Castilho, handling eight fielding chances without a fumble, was the most prominent.

Jackie Anderson did a creditable hindersnatching job, and had catcher Theresa Marques, suse, the Panthers hugging the sacks, tained a finger injury and was replaced by Hilda Soares, who was unable to stop the Wahoo merry-go-round, allowing three passed balls, a tally counting each time.

Rambllettes Too Good

In the other game, the Recreio Rambllettes proved too good for the Florinhas and walked away with a 23-9 victory after out-hitting them 19-7. Short-stop Lolly Rodrigues, who afterwards took over pitching duties, had the best stickwork performance by hitting safely four times in six, whilst Ding Lopes' three safeties included a two-bagger. Second-sacker Clilly Remedios singled three times in five, whilst Norma Gonsalves was also good for two bingles, and spoilt a perfect bunt by stepping over the plate.

Lily Silva, on the mound for the Florinhas, fanned two, and passed three, whilst first-string hurler Jerry Jorge of the Recs. whiffed two and passed one. Relief twirler Lolly Rodrigues accounted for three Florinhas via the strike-out route, but passed five.

Yvonne Yolle Shines

Batting honours go to first-sacker Yvonne Yolle, who was good for three safeties in her four trips, whilst Irene Castilho's two in three times included a two-bagger.

The Panthers were without the service of Virginia Xavier, their regular short-stop, and Celeste Marques took over the windy alley. Pint-sized Thelma Marques hauled down two difficult flies, but committed two costly errors.

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SHIFTING THE BLAME

Mussolini's Henchmen Condemn General Staff

SHORT COMMONS FOR WAR PRISONERS

The Germans are providing insufficient food for British prisoners of war; further evidence to this effect was produced by Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for War, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Eden declared that in certain camps the ration scale allowed British prisoners was below that of German depot troops.

Declaring that strong representations were being made in the matter, Mr. Eden indicated that with the invaluable help of the International Red Cross, food and clothing were being transported to Germany for British prisoners.

Since last August, over 18,000 parcels addressed to British prisoners in Germany had been transmitted through the International Red Cross and in addition 149 tons of food were bought in bulk in Switzerland and sent to prisoner of war camps in Germany.

A further 170 tons had been ordered in Switzerland and was ready for despatch.—Reuter.

Open Criticism In Italian Press

THE WORK OF THE Italian General Staff in the Greek campaign is now openly criticised in the Italian press, said the London "Daily Telegraph" in an editorial yesterday.

Farinacci, the Press Minister, has been directed to launch the first open criticism. He is evidently under orders to shift the blame for the failure from Mussolini's shoulders to someone else's — anyone else.

Unpreparedness and lack of foresight in general are the burden of his lament. As these failings are written large over the whole story of the four weeks war it may be assumed that the Italian people had made up their minds on the subject some time ago.

It has, at the same time, seemed good to the Fascist authorities to issue an order that when Italian war news is broadcast in public places the audience must listen standing.

Situation Perilous

This, according to one account, is because of the disrespectful attitude shown by listeners when these gems of attempted face-saving are given out by radio.

The situation is already disastrous for the Fascist regime and it is vital for Mussolini that it should be retrieved, and if this should be attempted with German help, of which there is still no sign, the moral situation would for Mussolini be little if at all improved. — Reuter.

NO CHRISTMAS ARMISTICE

The British Government would reject any proposal for a Christmas Armistice.

This was made clear in the House of Commons yesterday when the Prime Minister gave a reply to a question whether he would invoke the good offices of the Vatican or some neutral State in furthering the proposal for a 48-hour cessation of hostilities during Christmas.

Asked if in the event of such a proposal being received through some neutral State it would receive consideration Mr. Churchill said it would certainly be rejected by the Government. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Sha-yu-chung was reported to have been heavily bombed this morning. Ferry vessels at Taipo, however, departed on schedule for the Mirs Bay port.

Four Japanese aircraft flew along the Chinese side of the border between Shataukok and Yim Tin, this morning.

A statement by the naval authorities in connection with possible announcements for shipping was broadcast over ZBW at 1 o'clock to-day.

The statement declared that any announcements for shipping in the vicinity of Hong Kong would be broadcast over ZBW after the weather bulletins at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. and at 7.30 p.m.

FALSE PRETENCES CHARGE

Henry Chao, 37, general broker, of No. 12, Bay View Mansions, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with obtaining \$12,500 by false pretences, on July 19.

It was alleged that defendant pretended that the money had been demanded by the Central Trust of China as commission in connection with a certain contract, which was being negotiated between Wong Bor and the Central Trust of China.

Mr. W. Mackinlay, who is appearing for the prosecution, asked for an adjournment of the case, saying that further charges may be preferred.

The case was adjourned till November 30. Defendant was allowed bail of \$5,000 cash, or \$10,000 personal bond and \$10,000 surety.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has weakened and is moving eastward, pressure being highest over the Yellow Sea.

The typhoon is situated about 250 miles north-east of Manila, moving north-north-west.

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The Marriage between Gloria, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo D'Almada e Castro, and Alfonso, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Barreto, will take place at St. Teresa's Church, Kowloon, on Wednesday, December 4th, 1940, at 10.30 a.m. No invitations are being sent. All friends are welcome at the ceremony and afterwards to the reception at 284, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.



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